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Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones attempts to answer questions about his emails, asked by Mark Bankston, lawyer for Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, during trial at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas, Aug. 3. **BRIANA SANCHEZ/AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP**

### ALEX JONES DEFAMATION TRIAL

## Court seeks to unravel medical records release

### Did Sandy Hook parents' info end up in wrong hands?

By Edmund H. Mahony | Hartford Courant

WATERBURY — Text messages and email correspondence about the transfer of confidential medical records were produced in court Wednesday at an inquiry by the judge presiding over the Alex Jones defamation trial into how, or even if the highly personal records were improperly disclosed by Jones' lawyers.

The inquiry was postponed without definitive answers and will continue next week. But it became clear at the hearing convened by Superior Court Judge Barbara Bellis that Jones' Connecticut lawyer, Norm Pattis, provided a digital version of a case "file" to one or perhaps two of Jones' Texas lawyers, and the records were apparently further disseminated at that point.

At issue are highly confidential, legally protected medical and psychiatric records of the parents and other relatives of Sandy Hook school shooting victims who are suing Jones for millions of dollars in Connecticut. They claim they were defamed and suffered emotionally as a result of the conspiracy theorist's repeated broad-

cast assertions that the December 2012 massacre was a hoax created to generate support for gun control.

Nothing has become public so far that suggests medical or other personal records were disclosed beyond the lawyers representing Jones and the victims suing him in state and federal courts in Texas and

Connecticut.

Concern that protected records fell into the wrong hands arose in Texas on July 24, when one of Jones' Texas lawyers, F. Andino Reynal, transmitted digital copies of case records to another Texas lawyer representing two Sandy Hook parents who sued Jones in state court there.

When attorney Christopher Mattei, who represents those suing Jones in the Connecticut courts, learned of the possible improper disclosure, he began demanding answers.

"This would be alarming under any circumstances," Mattei wrote in an email to Pattis, "but particularly so in light of Mr. Jones' long pattern of attacking our clients, counsel, and the judges presiding over these cases."

Bellis had spent months presiding over extended negotiations that

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— Christopher Mattei who represents those suing Alex Jones to Jones' lawyer Norm Pattis

## Cheney's loss marks end of an era for GOP

Trump purges party of those who once were its cornerstone

By Lisa Mascaro

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Liz Cheney's resounding primary defeat marks the end of an era for the Republican Party as well as her own family legacy, the most high-profile political casualty yet as the party of Lincoln transforms into the party of Trump.

The fall of the three-term congresswoman, who has declared it her mission to ensure Donald Trump never returns to the Oval Office, was vividly foreshadowed earlier this year, on the first anniversary of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

As the House convened for a moment of silence, Cheney, who is leading the investigation into the insurrection as vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee, and her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney, stood almost alone on the Republican side of the House



Rep. Liz Cheney is greeted by a supporter after speaking Tuesday at a primary gathering in Jackson, Wyoming. **JAE C. HONG/AP**

## Health data research company cuts staff

Sema4, a Stamford-based health data research company that was drawn to Connecticut from New York City in 2018 with a state loan and expanded to keep up with growth in medical technology, is shrinking its business and laying off workers. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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## Schools adopt gender policy

Hartford Board of Education acts to protect transgender, nonconforming students

By Ted Glanzer  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A gender-nonconforming student's face lit up when Jackie Harris-Stone, a Farmington resident who has children in the Hartford Public Schools system, showed the school district's new "Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth" policy to the student.

"Remember all the trouble you had last year?" Harris-Stone recalled telling the student as they spoke at the Hartford Board of Education's meeting Tuesday. "This bit will stop that. Your district says it cares about you."

The school board unanimously adopted the comprehensive policy during its meeting Tuesday at Weaver High School.

"The Hartford Board of Education is dedicated to creating an environment that is physically and emotionally and intellectually safe for all of the individuals who attend our schools and serve our students," school board Vice Chairman Rev. AJ Johnson said, reading the policy's preamble. "This policy is designed in keeping with these mandates to create a safe learning environment for all students and ensure all students have equal access to all school programs and activities."

"It's important for us to stand up for equity for all our children and not be afraid of the naysayers," school board Second Vice Chair Kimberly Oliver said.

The policy addresses numerous points,

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## Man loses bid to have conviction overturned

Drug dealer argued he didn't know his defense attorney also was a cop

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

A convicted drug dealer who learned after he was found guilty that his defense attorney also had a full-time job as a police officer lost an appeal to the state Supreme Court to have the conviction reversed.

Daniel Diaz, of New Britain, argued to the court that he didn't know his special public defender, Frank Canace, was a full-time New Haven police officer until after a jury found him guilty of a variety of drug and gun charges. Diaz claimed there is a conflict of interest between the two positions and, as a result, he didn't get a fair trial.

The court disagreed. It said Canace should have told his client about his other job, but concluded no conflict impaired the defense. In fact, the court said it can be argued that police experience can benefit a criminal defense and Canace had a track record of acquittals that was better than average.

Diaz argued to the court that a police officer can't serve as a defense lawyer "because the duties entailed by those two roles are necessarily in conflict" and that Canace's "obligations as a police officer"

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including privacy, official records, names and pronouns, gender-segregated activities, restroom and locker room accessibility, interscholastic sports ("Transgender and gender non-conforming students shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics in a manner consistent with their gender identity and in compliance with the applicable regulations of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association") and dress codes.

"This policy sets out guidelines for schools and district staff to address the needs of transgender and gender non-conforming students and clarifies how state law should be implemented in situations where questions may arise about how to protect the legal rights or safety of such students," the policy said. "This policy does not anticipate every situation that might occur with respect to transgender or gender non-conforming students and the needs of each transgender or gender non-conforming student must be assessed on a case-by-case basis."

The policy also requires the superintendent of schools to provide for the training of district staff in transgender sensitivity, as well as "developmentally age-ap-



A pride flag is held at a Black Queer Trans Lives Matter rally outside the State Capitol on June 26, 2020. FILE

propriate training" for all students. Several people, including Harris-Stone, enthusiastically endorsed the policy.

"This policy is going to make the lives of transgender and nonbinary and gender nonconforming students better, safer and, in some cases, literally longer," Harris-Stone said, adding that given a school district of Hartford's size, up to 13 students "will not commit suicide with proper support like this."

"That's good work," she said, noting that the possible hostilities the school board faces from people who object to the policy highlights its necessity. "Your policy is the first step in normalizing that transgender students have unique needs that need to be taken care of even if not everybody doesn't understand. Thank you for caring about our trans kids."

Lindsey Pasquale, the national northeast regional director of

PFLAG, said they were impressed with how the school board handled the policy.

"This is really comprehensive," they said. "This is a step, and as you go forward you still want to continue to look at education for your staff, education and engagement for your student body and baseline survey of attitudes of [the] student body and staff and every few years do a checkpoint. This is a big benefit for the student body."

### Cheney

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floor.

Democratic lawmakers streamed by to shake their hands. Republicans declined to join them.

"Liz Cheney represents the Republican Party as it used to be.... All of that is gone now," said Geoff Kabaservice, vice president of political studies at the center-right Niskanen Center.

What comes next for Liz Cheney is still to be determined.

"Now the real work begins," she said in an election night concession speech in Wyoming, summoning the legacy of both Abraham Lincoln and his Civil War-era military and presidential successor Ulysses Grant in her campaign against Trump.

Cheney could announce her own run for the White House — unlikely to win a hostile Republican Party's nomination but to at least give

those opposed to Trump an alternative.

Overnight, she transferred leftover campaign funds into a new entity: "The Great Task." That's a phrase from the Gettysburg Address.

"I will be doing whatever it takes to keep Donald Trump out of the Oval Office," Cheney told NBC's "Today" show Wednesday. Pressed, she said that running for president "is something I'm thinking about and I'll make a decision in the coming months."

Whether she runs or not, her belief that Trump poses a danger to democracy is a conviction that runs deep in her family.

But it's a view that has no home in today's GOP.

Trump is purging the Republican Party, ridding it of dissenters like Cheney and others who dare to defy him, shifting the coast-to-coast GOP landscape and the makeup of Congress.

Of the 10 House Republicans

including Cheney who voted to impeach Trump for inciting the Capitol insurrection, only two remain candidates for reelection. The others have bowed out or have been defeated by Trump-backed challengers.

Meanwhile, in Alaska, which also held elections Tuesday, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, another prominent GOP critic of Trump, advanced from her primary. Sarah Palin, the GOP's 2008 vice presidential nominee and a staunch ally of Trump, was also bound for the November general election in the race for Alaska's sole U.S. House seat.

If Republicans gain control of the House and Senate in the November elections, the new Congress is destined to be remade in Trump's image.

However, his influence may cut two ways, winning back the House for Republicans but costing the party the Senate if his candidates fail to generate the broader appeal needed for statewide elections.

"It's just a party of Donald Trump's fever dreams," said Mark Salter, a former longtime Republican aide to the late Sen. John McCain of Arizona. "It's just Donald Trump's club."

For 50 years, the Cheneys have had important influence in Washington, from the time Dick Cheney first ran for Congress — later being elected vice president — to the arrival of his daughter, elected in 2016 alongside Trump's White House victory.

Identified with the hawkish defense wing of the Republican Party, the Cheneys with the Presidents Bush represented a cornerstone of the GOP in the post-World War II era, when it thrived as a party of small government, low taxation and muscular foreign policy.

Liz Cheney never wavered, chosen by House GOP colleagues to the same position her father held, the No. 3 Republican in the House, its highest-ranking woman.

But the attack on the Capitol changed all that. Cheney was unequivocal, laying blame for the attack on the defeated president and his false claims of voter fraud and a rigged election.

Trump "summoned this mob, assembled the mob and lit the flame of this attack," she said at the time, announcing her vote to impeach.

"There has never been a greater betrayal by a president of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution."

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy initially defended Cheney but reversed as Republicans booted her from party leadership. When Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi named Cheney to the Jan. 6 panel, her exile was all but complete.

Trump gloated at Cheney's defeat Tuesday night, deriding her as "sanctimonious" and a "fool" for suggesting his rigged election claims were false.

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## Deal may mean more carbon storage projects

Method has long been seen as way to fight global warming

By Mead Gruver  
Associated Press

GILLETTE, Wyo. — The rolling prairie lands of northeastern Wyoming have been a paradise of lush, knee-deep grass for sheep, cattle and pronghorn antelope this summer.

But it's a different green — greener energy — that geologist Fred McLaughlin seeks as he drills nearly 2 miles into the ground, far deeper than the thick coal seams that make this the top coal-mining region in the United States.

McLaughlin and his University of Wyoming colleagues are studying whether tiny spaces in rock deep underground can permanently store vast volumes of greenhouse gas emitted by a coal-fired power plant.

This is the concept known as carbon storage, long touted as an answer to global warming that preserves the energy industry's burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity.

So far, removing carbon dioxide from power plant smokestacks and pumping it underground hasn't been feasible without higher electricity bills to cover the technique's huge costs.

But with a \$2.5 billion infusion from Congress last year and now bigger tax incentives through the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress on Friday, researchers and industry continue to try.

President Joe Biden is expected to sign the measure, which would bolster technology such as solar panels, consumer efforts to improve home energy efficiency, emission-reducing equipment for coal- and gas-powered power plants and air pollution controls for farms



Geologist Fred McLaughlin examines rock samples on Aug. 10 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. MEAD GRUVER/AP

and ports and low-income communities.

One goal of McLaughlin's project is to preserve the lifespan of a relatively new coal-fired power plant, Dry Fork Station, run by Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

State officials hope it will do the same for the whole beleaguered coal industry that still underpins Wyoming's economy.

The state produces about 40% of the nation's coal, but declining production and a series of layoffs and bankruptcies have beset the Gillette area's vast, open-pit coal mines over the past decade.

While the economics of carbon storage remain uncertain at best, McLaughlin and others are confident in the technology.

"The geology exists," McLaughlin said. "It is a resource we're looking for — and the resource is pore space."

**How it works:** By pore space,

McLaughlin doesn't mean skin care but microscopic spaces between grains of sandstone deep underground. Countless such spaces add up: Enough, he hopes, to hold 55 million tons of carbon dioxide over 30 years.

McLaughlin and his team used the same drill rigs as the oil industry to bore their two wells almost 10,000 feet, taking core samples from nine geological formations in the process.

The researchers will study how injection at one well, using saltwater as a stand-in for liquid carbon dioxide, could affect fluid behavior at the other.

"It's basically like a call and response, if you want to think of it that way," McLaughlin said. "We can ground truth our simulations."

McLaughlin's team also does a lot of lab work on carbon sequestration back at the University of Wyoming School of Energy

Resources in Laramie, studying on a microscopic scale how much carbon dioxide different sandstone layers can hold.

They model on computers how much carbon dioxide, well by well, could be pumped underground north of Gillette.

Eventually they want to advance to carbon dioxide captured from the smoke plume at nearby Dry Fork Station, using a technique developed by California-based Membrane Technology and Research Inc.

**Wyoming's dreams:** With an eye toward carbon storage, Wyoming in 2020 became one of just two states, along with North Dakota, to take over from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency primary authority to issue the kind of permit McLaughlin and his team will need to pump large volumes of carbon dioxide, pressurized into a high density "supercritical" state,

underground.

Besides the permit, the geologists will also need more funding. The U.S. Department of Energy Carbon Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (Carbon-SAFE) program is funding 24 carbon capture and storage projects nationwide, and this is one of the furthest along.

Such projects were likely already eligible for some of the roughly \$2.5 billion in last year's infrastructure bill. Now the new Inflation Reduction Act will boost the "45Q" tax credit for electricity producers who sequester their carbon from \$50 to \$85 per ton.

Pumping carbon dioxide underground is not new.

For decades, the oil and gas industry has used carbon dioxide, after it's separated from the methane sold for fueling stoves and furnaces, to recharge aging oil fields.

**Past failures:** Critics, however, point out the

process is expensive to use at power plants and provides a lifeline of sorts to the coal, oil and natural gas industries when the world, in their view, should stop using fossil fuels altogether.

To date, only one commercially operational, large-scale project in the U.S. has pumped carbon dioxide from a power plant underground.

But to defray costs, NRG Energy's Petra Nova coal-fired power plant outside Houston sold its carbon dioxide to increase local oil production.

After three years in operation, Petra Nova closed in 2020.

In December, a U.S. Government Accountability Office review found that Petra Nova was the only one of eight carbon capture and storage projects at coal-fired plants to go into operation, after getting \$684 million in Department of Energy funding since 2009.

Some communities that have dealt for years with industrial air pollution also worry that companies will use promises of carbon storage as a way to expand.

For Massachusetts Institute of Technology research engineer Howard Herzog, a carbon capture and storage pioneer, the question isn't whether the technique is technically feasible at scale.

He's certain that it is. But whether it can be economically feasible is a different matter.

"People are starting to take it more seriously even though fundamentally changing our energy systems is not an easy task," Herzog said. "It's not something you do in the short term. You've got to really set the policy in place, and we still haven't really done that."

It may be expensive, he said. But doing nothing when it comes to climate, "may be much more expensive."

## Diaz

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undermined his defense, in particular the aggressiveness of his cross examination of police witnesses at trial.

When considering the effectiveness of Canace's defense, the state Supreme Court referred to the conclusions of former Superior Court Judge Robert Devlin, who also upheld the conviction and absolved Canace of a conflict at a habeas corpus hearing in a lower court.

"The habeas court thoroughly analyzed the petitioner's claims of inadequate cross-examination and found them to be without merit for several reasons," the Supreme Court said, in a decision written by Justice

Raheem L. Mullins.

Among other things, the court said Canace pursued trial strategies that challenged the credibility of arresting officers, used his police experience to look for holes in the defense case and tried to demonstrate that the police had "set up" Diaz.

The long-running Diaz case is now more than two decades old.

Police in New Britain were tipped off in 2001 that Diaz was selling heroin by another city drug offender. At the request of detectives, the offender arranged a meeting with Diaz, who was immediately arrested and found to have been in possession of nearly 200 bags of heroin, a shotgun, ammunition, more than \$1,000 in cash, marijuana and other drug para-

phernalia.

During a first trial in 2002, Diaz decided to represent himself and was convicted. The Supreme Court reversed the conviction, concluding that Diaz had not been properly warned about the risks involved in defending himself.

Canace defended Diaz at a second trial in 2006 as a special public defender — a private defense lawyer who volunteers to defend indigent criminal defendants at state expense.

Prior to working as special public defender, Canace obtained approval from the New Haven Police Department and the city's lawyers, who solicited opinions from the American Bar Association, the Statewide Grievance Committee, and the

New Haven state's attorney's office on whether the two roles were in conflict.

The conclusion was that Canace "could represent criminal defendants in Connecticut courts, with the exception of those located in the judicial district of New Haven."

However, when contracting to work with the state Division of Public Defender Services, Canace vaguely listed his second occupation as a municipal employee of New Haven.

Canace said Tuesday that, regardless of the somewhat ambiguous job description he filed with the public defender's office, his employment as a New Haven police officer was well known and widely accepted among prosecutors and defense

lawyers in New Britain, where he practiced law.

Canace said he retired from the New Haven Police Department after 20 years in 2015 and now does mostly private criminal defense work.

Senior administrators in the state public defender system testified in the case that they were not aware of Canace's dual occupation as a police officer until after Diaz's second conviction in 2006.

The division decided Canace had to resign as a special public defender because he "exhibited a lack of candor ... by vaguely describing his position for the city of New Haven as a municipal employee" and his clients might use the conflict issue in more

appeals. A lawyer familiar with the decision in 2006

said Tuesday the division was concerned as well about the "optics" of hiring police officers to defend accused criminals.

Although the Supreme Court concluded there was no conflict between being, simultaneously, a police officer and defense lawyer, it criticized Canace for misleading the Division of Public Defender Services and not informing Diaz.

"Finally, we emphasize that our conclusion that (Diaz) has not demonstrated that Canace's performance suffered from an actual conflict of interest should not be taken to mean that we condone Canace's conduct in the present case," the court said. "We do not."

## Jones

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established a complicated confidentiality order dictating how personal records that are evidence in the suit are to be protected and shared. She said she learned of a possible improper disclosure in Texas from news accounts and scheduled hearings almost immediately to determine whether Patti and Reynal are responsible.

When the hearing resumes on July 25, both are expected to be called to testify. Should Bellis decide either lawyer violated her order, they could be subject to court-imposed discipline. She appointed Brian Staines, who prosecutes attorney misconduct for the state judiciary, to direct the inquiry.

The issue of mishandling protected records

has become a sideshow in four years of bitter litigation associated with defamation suits against Jones. Bellis said earlier this month that her inquiry into possible discipline against Patti and Reynal mark the third and fourth times she has made misconduct complaints against Jones' lawyers.

Late last year she took the extraordinary step of issuing a default order against Jones in the Connecticut suit for failing to comply with court orders — effectively settling the suit in favor of the families and leaving only the question of damages against Jones unresolved. A judge in Texas issued the same ruling in response to Jones' apparent efforts to stall the case in that state.

In late July, Jones put Free Speech Systems, the company behind his Infowars internet site, into federal bankruptcy in Houston, knowing it would delay

the Connecticut trial as Bellis was beginning jury selection. Late last week, a Connecticut bankruptcy judge ruled that the trial can continue and the selection of a jury to decide the damage award against Jones is to resume Thursday.

The Texas jury awarded the families suing him there \$49 million in damages, at about the same time concerns were being expressed about mishandled medical records.

Most of the testimony in court Wednesday turned on text message and email exchanges between Mattei and the Jones lawyers after questions arose about improper disclosure of documents.

Mattei said he learned on July 24 that Reynal had "produced" or disclosed documents to a lawyer who represented the Sandy Hook parents who sued in Texas. The lawyer had requested

the case records, and Reynal emailed him a directory of files.

"My understanding at the time was that the folder names indicated it was stuff that shouldn't have been produced, but was produced," Mattei testified Wednesday.

A little more than a week later, on Aug. 3, Mattei said he received two text messages from Patti, copies of which were introduced as evidence Wednesday.

"Chris," the first text message said. "Give me a call. I learned moments ago that my office may have violated protective order."

About six hours later, Patti texted: "So Texas counsel mistakenly turned over stuff to Texas."

The next day, on Aug. 4, Mattei emailed Patti that his clients "are likely to seek relief in the various courts" for any improper disclosure and he demanded detailed

information about how, to whom and under what circumstances the records were transmitted.

Patti replied by email that he gave records to Reynal and Kyung Lee, a bankruptcy lawyer representing Jones.

"I directed an associate to send out files to the two attorneys who requested them to defend Alex," Patti wrote. "I did not direct the associate to withhold the plaintiffs' information. If that is an error, responsibility falls on my shoulders."

Two days later, on Aug. 6, Lee prepared an affidavit which raises the possibility that it was he, not Patti, who provided records to Reynal.

Lee said he asked Patti for case files earlier this year after Jones retained him to handle bankruptcy filings. He said Patti responded by sending him a computer disc early in May. Lee said he never looked to see what

was on the disc because the bankruptcy filings on which he was working were withdrawn and he had no need for the information.

He said he turned the files over unseen to Reynal at Reynal's request.

"I did not share the contents of that disc with anyone until I was asked by Mr. Andino Reynal's law firm to provide them with the disc," Lee said in the affidavit.

Lee said Reynal was handed the disc sometime before June 15, because on that day he received an email from Patti seeking its return.

"I replied that I had handed the external disc to Mr. Reynal," Lee said in the affidavit.

When Reynal and Lee testify next week they will be asked to clarify how Reynal got the records and from whom. Patti also is expected to testify.

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## Threats toward judges out of order

Actions by Trump's backers are spurring democracy concerns

By Gary Fields  
and Nicholas Riccardi  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of federal judges face the same task every day: review an affidavit submitted by federal agents and approve requests for a search warrant. But for U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, the fallout from his decision to approve a search warrant has been far from routine.

He has faced a storm of death threats since his signature this month cleared the way for the FBI to search former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate as part of a probe into whether he inappropriately removed sensitive materials from the White House. Reinhart's home address was posted on right-wing sites, along with antisemitic slurs. The South Florida synagogue he attends canceled Friday night services.

Trump has done little to lower the temperature among his supporters, decrying the search as political persecution and calling on Reinhart to recuse himself in the case because he has previously made political donations to Democrats. Reinhart has also contributed to Republicans.

The threats against Reinhart are part of a broader attack on law enforcement, particularly the FBI, by Trump and his allies in the aftermath of the search. But experts warn that the focus on a judge, coming amid an uptick in threats to the judiciary in general, is dangerous for the rule of law in the



Supporters of former President Donald Trump rally on Aug. 9 near his Mar-a-Lago residence in Palm Beach, Florida, one day after the FBI executed a search warrant there. Trump has decried the search as political persecution. GIORGIO VIERA/GETTY-AFP

U.S. and the country's viability as a democracy.

"Threats against judges fulfilling their constitutional responsibilities strike at the very core of our democracy," U.S. Second Circuit Judge Richard Sullivan, chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security, said in a statement issued recently in the aftermath of the search. "Judges should not have to fear retaliation for doing their jobs."

A phone message left in Reinhart's chambers was not immediately returned.

The vitriol directed at the magistrate is becoming increasingly common.

In 2014, the U.S. Marshals Service handled 768 incidents that it classified as "inappropriate communications" aimed at judges and court employees. Last year, it reported more than 4,500.

Formerly "virtually everyone recognized how inappropriate it was to threaten the life or security of a judge because of a disagreement with the judge's decision," said Barbara Lynn, chief judge for the northern district of Texas. "Now I think there are a lot of people that don't think there's anything wrong with that."

Lynn is one of many

judicial officials pushing Congress to approve the Daniel Anderl bill, named for the 20-year-old son of District Judge Esther Salas. He was killed in 2020 when a gunman came to their New Jersey home. His father was wounded. The bill, which has the support of groups ranging from the American Bar Association to the National Association of Attorneys General, would keep more of judges' personal information private.

In June, a retired Wisconsin county circuit judge, John Roemer was killed in his home in what authori-

ties said was a targeted act by a gunman, who fatally wounded himself as well. Later that month, protesters converged on the homes of conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices after they overturned a 1973 ruling that women have a constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Police arrested a man with knives, zip ties and a gun near the home of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and he said he planned to kill the conservative justice. Congress rapidly approved money to bolster security at the justices' homes and provide 24-hour protection to their families.

"This gets to the core issue of having equal access to justice, a core foundational principle of our ability to function as a third and independent branch of government. It's really shaken to the core," Hall said. "Judges are just people at the end of the day. They put on a robe, but they still go home to their families."

## Pence urges GOP to stop calls to 'defund the FBI'

Ex-vice president also mulling talks with Jan. 6 panel

By Alan Feuer  
and Luke Broadwater  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Mike Pence on Wednesday called on Republicans to stop attacking the nation's top law enforcement agencies over the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, former President Donald Trump's home in Palm Beach, Florida.

Congressional Republicans, including members of leadership, have reacted with fury to the Aug. 8 search, which is part of an investigation into Trump's handling of classified material. Some lawmakers have called to "defund" or "destroy" the FBI, even as more moderate voices have chastised their colleagues for their rhetoric.

Speaking in New Hampshire, Pence said Republicans could hold the Justice Department and the FBI accountable for their decisions "without attacking the rank-and-file law enforcement personnel."

"Our party stands with the

men and women who stand on the thin blue line at the federal and state and local level, and these attacks on the FBI must stop," Pence went on. "Calls to defund the FBI are just as wrong as calls to defund the police."

The remarks by Pence, who appears to be positioning himself to run for president, highlight his readiness to separate himself from the wing of the Republican Party most loyal to Trump.

They also illustrate the political dangers in criticizing a law enforcement agency, particularly for a party that purportedly bills itself as defender of law and order.

The calls for a more cautious tone came as threats emerged against law enforcement. A gunman attacked an FBI office in Cincinnati last week, and the Department of Homeland Security distributed an intelligence bulletin to law enforcement around the country that warned of "an increase in threats and acts of violence" after the Mar-a-Lago search.

Pence also said Wednesday that he would consider talking to the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol — the clear-

est indication to date that he might be willing to participate in the panel's ongoing efforts. The panel is set to resume public hearings on its findings next month.

Pence has rarely spoken publicly about how he would respond to a request from the committee to be interviewed, but his lawyers began talking with the panel as early as last summer.

"If there was an invitation to participate, I would consider it," Pence said. But Pence went on to say it would be "unprecedented in history" for a vice president "to be summoned to testify on Capitol Hill."

In recent weeks, the panel has been discussing what to do about some of the more high-profile potential witnesses, such as Pence or Trump himself, and lawmakers have not reached a conclusion about how to proceed.

The panel had initially believed that both men would fight attempts to get them to testify, and some lawmakers worried that a public battle over getting them under oath would distract from the work of gathering facts about the attack and the events leading up to it.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the committee chair, has previously said that the committee ruled out a subpoena for Pence, citing the "significant information" it had received from two of his aides, Marc Short and Greg Jacob, both of whom sat for depositions. Jacob also testified live during a June hearing, calling a plan by lawyer John Eastman to have Pence throw the election to Trump during a joint session of Congress on Jan. 6, 2021, "certifiably crazy."

Short and Jacob have

also both appeared before a federal grand jury in Washington that is hearing testimony in the DOJ's parallel inquiry into Jan. 6. The men were present in the Oval Office for a meeting on Jan. 4, 2021, at which Trump had Eastman try to persuade Pence that he could delay or block congressional certification of Trump's Electoral College defeat.

While it remains unclear whether Pence will speak to the committee, if he does he could presumably give the panel a fuller picture of the effort by Trump and East-

man to strong-arm him into disrupting the traditional democratic process.

A spokesman for the panel declined to comment Wednesday on Pence's latest statements.

Another potentially high-profile witness, Virginia Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and a supporter of Trump's efforts to stay in power after the 2020 election, is still on the committee's list of witnesses to call, even though she has rebuffed attempts to interview her.



Former Vice President Mike Pence talks Wednesday at a political gathering in Manchester, New Hampshire. Pence wants fellow GOP members to stop attacking the FBI. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

## Giuliani testifies for hours before grand jury in Georgia election probe

By Kate Brumback  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rudy Giuliani faced hours of questioning Wednesday before a special grand jury in Atlanta as a target of an investigation into attempts by former President Donald Trump and others to overturn his 2020 election defeat in Georgia.

The former New York mayor and Trump attorney left the Fulton County courthouse without comment.

ing to reporters roughly six hours after the special grand jury convened Wednesday as part of a rapidly escalating investigation that has ensnared several Trump allies.

Swarmed by news cameras Wednesday morning as he stepped out of a black SUV at the courthouse, Giuliani said he didn't plan to talk about his testimony.

"Grand juries, as I recall, are secret," said Giuliani, who came to court with his attorney, Robert Costello. "They ask the questions and

we'll see."

Giuliani's Atlanta-based attorney, Bill Thomas, declined to comment after Giuliani left the courthouse. Costello did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has brought heightened scrutiny to the desperate and ultimately failed efforts to



overturn Democrat Joe Biden's 2020 election win. It's one of several investigations into Trump's actions in office as he lays the groundwork for another run for the White House in 2024.

Willis opened her investigation after the disclosure of a Jan. 2, 2021, phone call between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. On the call, Trump suggested that

Raffensperger could "find" the exact number of votes needed to flip the election results in Georgia.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing. He has described the call as "perfect."

Willis last month filed petitions to compel testimony from seven Trump associates and advisers. She has also said she's considering calling Trump himself to testify, and the former president has hired a legal team in Atlanta that includes a prominent criminal defense

attorney.

Other Trump allies swept up in the probe include U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. His attorneys filed a legal motion asking a federal judge to put Graham's special grand jury appearance set for Aug. 23 on hold while he appears an order compelling him to testify.

Fulton County prosecutors want to ask Graham about calls they say he made to Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks following the vote.

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# Hospital naming triggers backlash

Move to honor Black St. Louis lawyer has critics in community

By Jim Salter  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — While segregation was still casting its ugly shadow over the U.S., the Homer G. Phillips Hospital was providing top-notch medical care to a predominantly African American part of St. Louis and training some of the world's best Black doctors and nurses.

The 660-bed hospital closed 43 years ago, but the facility named for the man who led the fight to open a first-rate hospital for Black residents in segregated St. Louis is still revered by the city's Black community. So a white developer's decision to call a new three-bed facility the Homer G. Phillips Memorial Hospital has been met by a strong backlash that includes a lawsuit, protests and newspaper editorials decrying what some see as cultural appropriation.

"That smacks of racism to me," said Zenobia Thompson, 78, who trained at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in the 1960s before eventually becoming its head nurse. "We are laser-focused and determined that that name will come down."

Darryl Piggee, a Black attorney who serves on the board of directors for the new hospital, expected to open next spring, said it was his idea to name it after Phillips — to honor his legacy, not profit from it.

"I'm from here, OK? So the idea that it was an appropriation isn't true," Piggee said. "I think the board is satisfied we are spreading word of the name of someone people should know about."

The new hospital, which is in a different section of north St. Louis than the old hospital site, is part of developer Paul McKee's NorthSide Regeneration



Retired nurses Jobyna Foster, left, Yvonne Jones and Zenobia Thompson display an image of the former Homer G. Phillips Hospital on Aug. 9 at Jones' home in St. Louis. All three trained and worked at the hospital, which closed in 1979. **JIM SALTER/AP**

project. Funded in part with nearly \$400 million in tax increment financing, NorthSide seeks to transform a blighted area north of downtown with new housing, commercial projects and job-creating industry.

The hospital is a small but necessary part of the development. Medical care is scarce in north St. Louis, where about three-quarters of residents are Black and the median household income is 40% below the poverty line.

St. Louis' prominent Black newspaper, the *St. Louis American*, noted in an editorial that it wasn't opposed to the new medical center "but rather the insensitivity shown by the developer toward a community's concern for his appropriation of the name of one of the Black community's most hallowed and esteemed institutions."

In July, Thompson and other nurses who worked

at the original Homer G. Phillips Hospital filed suit, claiming trademark infringement. The suit seeks unspecified financial damages and a new name for the center.

Homer G. Phillips was a prominent Black attorney who a century ago led the fight for a new St. Louis hospital for Black residents in what was at the time one of America's most segregated cities.

Passage of a bond issue provided the funding and the new hospital opened in 1937. Phillips didn't live to see the hospital that would bear his name — he was shot to death in 1931 in an attack that remains unsolved.

Dr. Will Ross, a physician who is associate dean for diversity at Washington University School of Medicine and co-author of a book on the legacy of Homer G. Phillips Hospital, said it was the "social, health and economic anchor" of its

neighborhood.

Walle Amusa, a longtime Black activist, recalled how the neighborhood around the hospital thrived. Scores of businesses served the nurses, doctors, staff and visitors. Well-manicured brick homes surrounded the hospital.

"It was like a family affair inside that hospital, and it was like a family community outside," recalled Jobyna Foster, 86, a nurse for many years at the hospital.

Thompson agreed. She grew up in the neighborhood and recalled seeing the nurses walking proudly in their white uniforms.

"That's when I decided to be a nurse," she said.

Segregation created the need for the hospital, and many in the Black community say racism spelled its demise.

The two city-run hospitals became desegregated in the 1950s. For the next two decades, Homer G. Phillips

remained open and continued to thrive, said Yvonne Jones, 75, who was a nurse there at the time.

Still, by the late 1970s, city leaders decided there was no longer a need for two city-run hospitals and ordered the closure of Homer G. Phillips, allowing the one in the white area of St. Louis to remain open. Amusa was among hundreds of people who formed a human blockade to stop the removal of patients and equipment from Homer G. Phillips, but it didn't work and the hospital closed in 1979, six years before the other city-run hospital shut down.

Today, the massive brown-brick building that housed Homer G. Phillips still stands tall, serving as housing for senior citizens. The area around it has hit hard times. There are few businesses nearby, and many homes are vacant and condemned, with smashed-out windows and caved-in

roofs. Crime is common and poverty pervades.

"When the hospital was closed it was like the death knell of the community," Amusa said.

Piggee said the new medical center, and the NorthSide Regeneration project overall, will help revitalize north St. Louis.

NorthSide Regeneration has had its stops and starts since launching a decade-and-a-half ago. Some north St. Louis residents have complained that the hundreds of parcels of land purchased by the developer are nuisances, with few signs of progress. McKee did not respond to messages seeking comment.

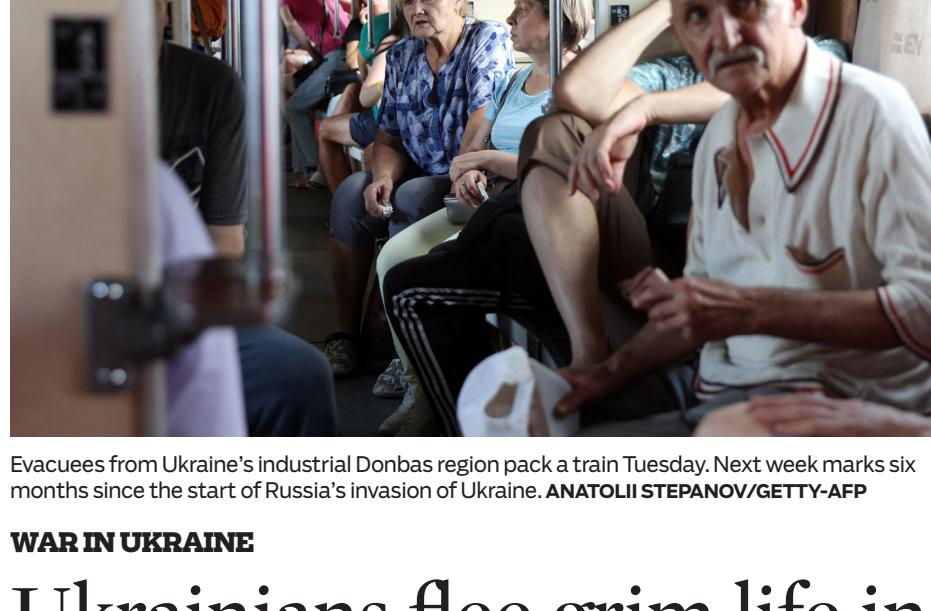
But a new gas station and a grocery store have opened as part of the project. The most notable success was the federal government's decision to build a \$1.75 billion campus for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency on nearly 100 acres within NorthSide Regeneration's boundaries, creating thousands of high-paying jobs. It's expected to open in 2025.

Hospital President Fred Mills said Homer G. Phillips Memorial will offer 24-hour emergency room care capable of treating up to 15 patients at a time. The 15,500-square-foot facility includes an MRI machine and amenities such as ports offering easy access to emergency dialysis and a room designed to make sure those with behavioral disorders are kept safe.

"Our dream and the goal is to have a larger facility, but you have to start somewhere," Mills said.

Jones, who is president of the Homer G. Phillips Nurses' Alumni, agreed that the new facility is badly needed. She just wants it called something else.

"We want to protect the name and legacy of Homer G. Phillips by having the current name removed from that building," Jones said. "That's all we want."



Evacuees from Ukraine's industrial Donbas region pack a train Tuesday. Next week marks six months since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. **ANATOLII STEPANOV/GTETY-APP**

## WAR IN UKRAINE

# Ukrainians flee grim life in Russian-occupied Kherson

By Hanna Arhirova  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — It was early one morning when life under Russian occupation became too much for Volodymyr Zhdanov. Rocket fire aimed at Ukrainian forces struck near his home in the city of Kherson, terrifying one of his two children.

His 8-year-old daughter "ran in panic to the basement. It was 2 o'clock in the morning and (she) was really scared," said Zhdanov, who later fled the city on the Black Sea and has been living in Kyiv, the capital, for the past three weeks.

Kherson, north of the Crimean Peninsula that was annexed by Moscow in 2014, was the first city to fall after Russia's invasion Feb. 24.

The port remains at the heart of the conflict and Ukraine's efforts to preserve its vital access to the sea.

For Russia, Kherson is a key point along the land corridor from its border to the peninsula.

Zhdanov and others who made the hazardous journey to escape from the

region describe increasingly grim conditions there, part of a heavy-handed effort by Russia to establish permanent control.

The streets in the city, which had a prewar population of about 300,000, are mostly deserted.

Occupation forces patrol in markets to warn those trying to use the Ukrainian currency, the hryvnia, in transactions. Pro-Moscow officials have been installed in local and regional governments, as well as on the police force. Workers at various municipal services face pressure to cooperate with Russian managers. Most schools have closed.

Supplies of essential goods are uneven, halting most commercial activity. There are shortages of medicines and spikes in the price of other commodities.

Many residents had been determined to hold out as long as possible for a promised Ukrainian counterattack that hasn't materialized.

"There was physical danger in the city, because there were many soldiers," Zhdanov said.

A referendum on the

region becoming a part of Russia has been announced by Moscow-installed officials, although no date has been set. Meanwhile, officials are pressuring those remaining to take Russian citizenship.

Income from Zhdanov's family flower business dried up after the currency change, although he kept growing plants anyway.

"It's difficult to survive with no money and no food," he said. "Who would want a Russian government if your life, business, and kids' education are taken away from you? They've all gone."

Those wanting to leave Kherson must pass a series of Russian military checkpoints. Soldiers search belongings, identity papers and mobile phones, with anyone suspected of supporting the resistance facing interrogation at so-called filtration camps.

As Kherson sinks into poverty, it's getting harder to leave.

A bus ticket to Zaporiizhzhia, a city 185 miles to the northeast, now costs the equivalent of \$160.

Before the war, it was \$10.

# CDC planning agency 'reset' amid crisis-response criticism

By Mike Stobbe  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The head of the nation's top public health agency on Wednesday announced a shake-up of the organization, saying it fell short responding to COVID-19 and needs to become more nimble.

The planned changes at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — CDC leaders call it a "reset" — come amid criticism of the agency's response to COVID-19, monkeypox and other public health threats.

The changes include internal staffing moves and steps to speed up data releases.

The CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, told the agency's staff about the changes on Wednesday. It's a CDC initiative, and was not directed by the White House or other administration officials, she said.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to lead this agency to a better place after a really challenging three years," Walensky said.

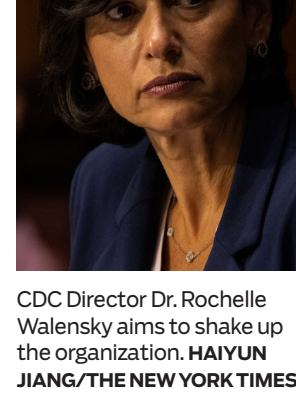
The Atlanta-based agency, with a \$12 billion budget and more than 11,000 employees, is charged with protecting Americans from disease outbreaks and other public health threats.

It's customary for each CDC director to do some reorganizing, but Walensky's action comes amid a wider demand for change.

The agency has long been criticized as too ponderous, focusing on collection and analysis of data but not acting quickly against new health threats.

Public unhappiness with the agency grew dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Experts said the CDC was slow to recognize how much virus was entering the U.S. from Europe, to recommend people wear masks, to say the virus can



CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky aims to shake up the organization. **HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

to ramp up systematic testing for new variants.

"We saw during COVID that CDC's structures, frankly, weren't designed to take in information, digest it and disseminate it to the public at the speed necessary," said Jason Schwartz, a health policy researcher at the Yale School of Public Health.

Walensky, who became director in January 2021, has long said the agency has to move faster and communicate better, but stumbles have continued during her tenure. In April, she called for an in-depth review of the agency, which resulted in the announced changes.

"It's not lost on me that we fell short in many ways" responding to the coronavirus, Walensky said. "We had some pretty public mistakes, and so much of this effort was to hold up the mirror ... to understand where and how we could do better."

Her reorganization proposal must be approved by the Department of Health and Human Services secretary. CDC officials say they hope to have a full package of changes finalized, approved and underway by early next year.

Some changes still are being formulated, but steps announced Wednesday

include:

■ Increasing use of preprint scientific reports to get out actionable data, instead of waiting for research to go through peer review and publication by the CDC journal *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

■ Restructuring the agency's communications office and further revamping CDC websites to make the agency's guidance for the public more clear and easier to find.

■ Altering the length of time agency leaders are devoted to outbreak responses to a minimum of six months — an effort to address a turnover problem that at times caused knowledge gaps and affected the agency's communications.

■ Creation of a new executive council to help Walensky set strategy and priorities.

■ Appointing Mary Wakefield as senior counselor to implement the changes. Wakefield headed the Health Resources and Services Administration during the Obama administration and also served as the No. 2 administrator at HHS. Wakefield, 68, started Monday.

■ Altering the agency's organization chart to undo some changes made during the Trump administration.

■ Establishing an office of intergovernmental affairs to smoother partnerships with other agencies, as well as a higher-level office on health equity.

Walensky also said she intends to "get rid of some of the reporting layers that exist, and I'd like to work to break down some of the silos." She did not say exactly what that may entail, but emphasized that the overall changes are less about redrawing the organization chart than rethinking how the CDC does business and motivates staff.

"This will not be simply moving boxes" on the organizational chart, she said.

## WORLD &amp; NATION

## NEWS BRIEFING

## Traffic deaths in US continue trend with 7% rise in early 2022

From news services

DETROIT — U.S. traffic fatalities began to climb two years ago and that deadly trend is continuing in 2022.

Roadway deaths rose 7% during the first three months of the year to 9,560 people, the highest number for a first quarter in two decades, according to estimates by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Traffic deaths have risen since pandemic lockdowns eased in 2020 as people returned to work and started taking more trips. People drove about 40 billion more miles in the first quarter than a year earlier, a 5.6% increase, the agency said.

But the rate of traffic deaths per 100 million miles traveled also increased during the quarter, from 1.25 deaths to 1.27, according to the agency.

Before 2020, the number of fatalities had fallen for three consecutive years.

The government has blamed the increase on speeding, impaired driving and other reckless behavior.

"The overall numbers are still moving in the wrong direction," NHTSA Administrator Steven Cliff said in a statement. "Now is the time for all states to double down on traffic safety."

The agency has started running ads urging people to slow down and not to drive while impaired. On Wednesday it announced the annual national impaired driving enforcement program with local police for the weeks around the Labor Day holiday.

Nearly 43,000 people were killed on U.S. roads last year — the highest number in 16 years.

Traffic deaths rose 10.5% last year over 2020, the largest percentage increase since NHTSA began its fatality

data collection in 1975. The agency will release final numbers for 2021 in the fall.

**Missing US journalist:** Syria denied on Wednesday it is holding U.S. journalist Austin Tice or other Americans after President Joe Biden accused the Syrian government of detaining him.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Damascus "denies it had kidnapped or is holding any American citizen on its territories."

"The U.S. issued last week misleading and illogical statements by the American president and secretary of state that included baseless accusations against Syria that it had kidnapped or detained American citizens, including former U.S. Marine Austin Tice," the statement said.

Biden's comments last week came in a statement released by the White House to mark the 10th anniversary of Tice's abduction, which took place when he was in Syria covering its brutal conflict.

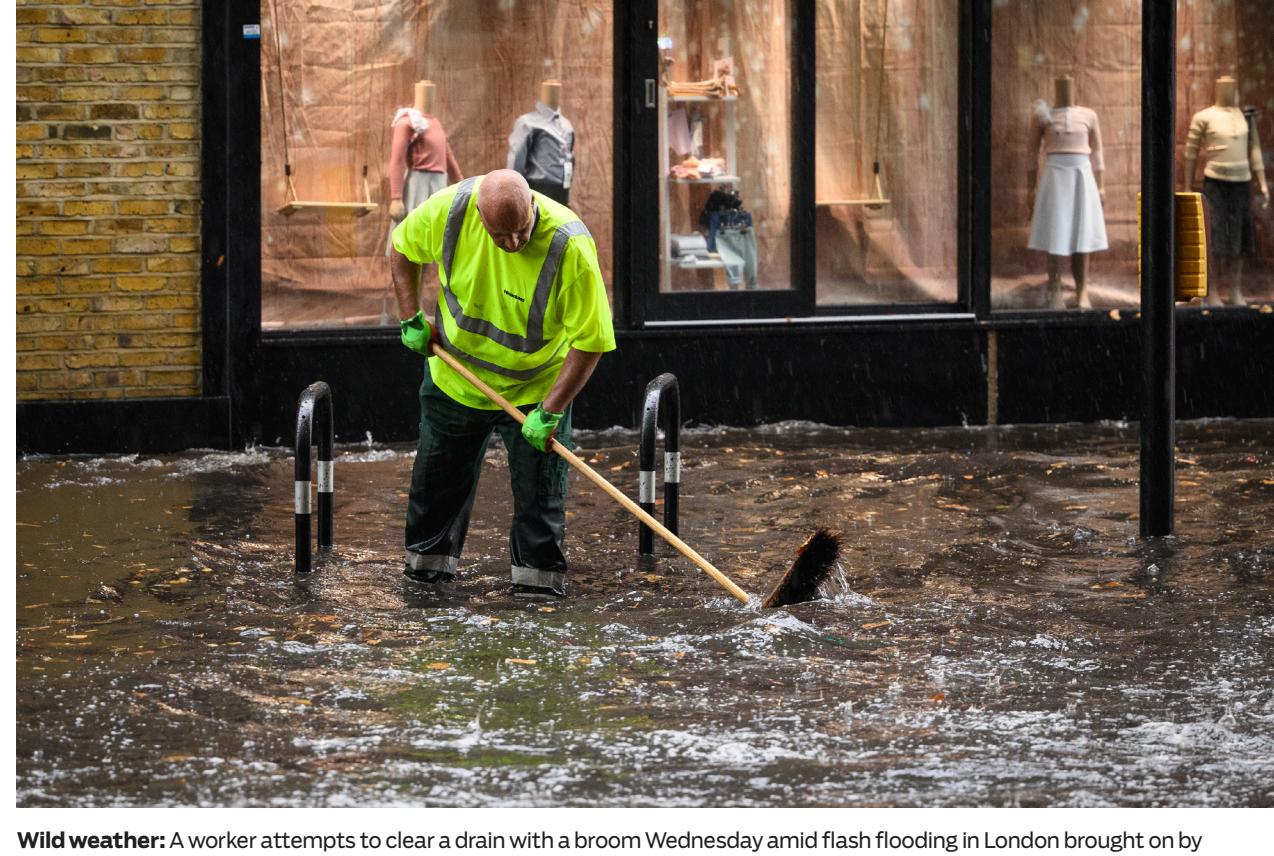
Biden's remarks were the clearest indication so far that the U.S. is certain Tice is being held by the government of President Bashar Assad.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said Wednesday the State Department had seen the Syrian statement but that it "does nothing to change our fundamental position."

**Election spending:** Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading reproductive health care provider and abortion rights advocacy organization, plans to spend a record \$50 million ahead of November's midterm elections, pouring money into contests where access to abortion will be on the ballot.

Planned Parenthood says its spending will help remind voters in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin what's at stake in a bid to drive turnout by Democratic and independent voters.

**Opioid crisis:** A federal judge in Cleveland awarded \$650 million in damages Wednesday to two Ohio counties that won a landmark lawsuit against national pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, claiming the way



**Wild weather:** A worker attempts to clear a drain with a broom Wednesday amid flash flooding in London brought on by torrential rain. The much-needed wet weather came as Britain is dealing with drought conditions. It also occurred during one of the driest summers on record, in which the country reached 104 degrees for the first time one day last month. **LEON NEAL/GETTY**

they distributed opioids to customers caused severe harm to communities and created a public nuisance.

U.S. District Judge Dan Polster said in the ruling that the money will be used to abate a continuing opioid crisis in Lake and Trumbull counties, outside Cleveland. Lake County is to receive \$306 million over 15 years, while Trumbull County is to receive \$344 million over the same period.

Polster ordered the companies to immediately pay nearly \$87 million to cover the first two years of the abatement plan.

In his ruling, Polster admonished the companies, saying they "squandered the opportunity to present a meaningful plan to abate the nuisance."

CVS, Walmart and Walgreens said they will appeal.

**Diplomatic reset:** Israel and Turkey will restore full diplomatic relations and dispatch ambassadors for the first time in years, the latest step

in months of reconciliation between the two countries, Israeli Prime Minister's Yair Lapid's office said Wednesday.

The two countries, once friendly, had a more than decade-long falling out before beginning rapprochement this year.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu confirmed the decision to reappoint ambassadors and said Ankara would be sending its ambassador to Tel Aviv. He said, however, that Turkey would continue to support the Palestinians.

**Koreas tensions:** South Korea's president said Wednesday his government has no plans to pursue its own nuclear deterrent and called instead for more diplomacy in the face of growing North Korean nuclear weapons capabilities, even as the North test-fired two suspected cruise missiles.

The launches were detected from North Korea's western coast hours before South Korean President

Yoon Suk Yeol used a news conference to urge Pyongyang to return to diplomacy aimed at exchanging denuclearization steps for economic benefits.

South Korea's military, which didn't reveal the launches until after Yoon's remarks, provided no immediate flight details about the North's weapons, including how they moved or how far they traveled.

**Afghanistan bomb blast:** A bombing at a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul during evening prayers on Wednesday killed at least 10 people, including a cleric, and wounded at least 27, an eyewitness and police said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. Several children were reported to be among the wounded.

According to an eyewitness, a resident of the city's Kher Khanna neighborhood where the Siddiquiya Mosque was targeted, the explosion was carried out by a suicide bomber.

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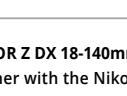
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# 'Life has changed' for many youths

Loneliness, stress plague youngsters near the front line

By Justin Spike

Associated Press

SLOVIAKS, Ukraine — Anastasiia Aleksandrova doesn't even look up from her phone when the thunder of nearby artillery booms through the modest home the 12-year-old shares with her grandparents on the outskirts of Sloviansk in eastern Ukraine.

With no one her age left in her neighborhood and classes only online since Russia's invasion, video games and social media have taken the place of the walks and bike rides she once enjoyed with friends who have since fled.

"She communicates less and goes out walking less. She usually stays at home playing games on her phone," Anastasiia's grandmother, Olena Aleksandrova, 57, said of the shy, lanky girl who likes to paint and has a picture of a Siberian tiger hanging on the wall of her bedroom.

Anastasiia's retreat into digital technology to cope with the isolation and stress of war that rages on the front line just seven miles away is increasingly common among young people in Ukraine's embattled Donetsk region.

With cities largely emptied after hundreds of thousands have evacuated to safety, the young people who remain face loneliness and boredom as painful counterpoints to the fear and violence Moscow has unleashed on Ukraine.

"I don't have anyone to hang out with. I sit with the phone all day," Anastasiia said from the bank of a lake where she sometimes swims with her grandparents. "My friends left and my life has changed. It became worse due to this war."

More than 6 million



Anastasiia Aleksandrova, 12, plays in the water Aug. 8 while swimming with her grandfather Andrei at a lake in Sloviansk, Ukraine. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Ukrainians, overwhelmingly women and children, have fled the country and millions more are internally displaced, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

The mass displacement has upended countless childhoods, not only for those having to start a new life after seeking safety elsewhere, but also for the thousands who stayed behind.

In the industrial city of Kramatorsk, seven miles south of Sloviansk, the friendship between Roman Kovalenko, 19, and Oleksandr Pruzhyna, 18, has become closer as all of their other friends have left.

The two teenagers walk together through the mostly deserted city, sitting to talk on park benches. Both described being cut off from the social lives they enjoyed before the war.

"It's a completely different feeling when you go outside. There is almost no one on the streets, I have the feeling of being in an apocalypse," said Pruzhyna, who lost his job at a barber shop after the invasion and now spends most of his time at home playing computer games.

"I feel like everything I was going to do became impossible, everything collapsed in an instant."

Of the roughly 275,000 children age 17 or younger in the Donetsk region before Russia's invasion, just 40,000 remain, the province's regional governor Pavlo Kyrylenko told The Associated Press last week.

According to official figures, 361 children have been killed in Ukraine since Russia launched its war on Feb. 24, and 711 others have

been injured.

Authorities are urging all remaining families in Donetsk, but especially those with children, to evacuate immediately as Russian forces continue to bombard civilian areas as they press for control of the region.

A special police force has been tasked with individually contacting households with children and urging them to flee to safer areas, Kyrylenko said.

"As a father, I feel that children should not be in the Donetsk region," he said. "This is an active war zone."

In Kramatorsk, 16-year-old Sofia Mariia Bondar spends most days sitting in the shoe section of a clothing shop where her mother works.

A pianist and singer who wants to study art at university after she finishes her

final year of high school, Sofia Mariia said there is "nowhere to go and nothing to do" now that her friends have left.

"I wish I could go back in time and make everything like it was before. I understand that most of my friends who left will never come back, no matter what happens in the future," she said. "Of course, it's very sad that I can't have all the fun like other teenagers do, but I can't do anything about it, only cope with it."

Her mother, Viktoriia, said that since the city has mostly emptied out, she manages to sell only one or two items per week.

But with the danger of shelling and soldiers plying the streets, her daughter is no longer allowed to go out alone and spends most of her time by her mother's side in

the store or at their home on the outskirts of Kramatorsk where the threat of rocket strikes is lower.

"I keep her near me all the time so that in case something happens, at least we will be together," she said.

In Sloviansk, 12-year-old Anastasiia said she can't remember the last time she played with someone her own age, but she's made some new friends through the games she plays online.

Her best friend, Yeva, used to live on her street, but has evacuated with her family to Lviv in western Ukraine.

Anastasiia wears a silver pendant around her neck — half of a broken heart with the word "Love" engraved on the front — and Yeva, she said, wears the other half.

"I never take it off, and Yeva doesn't either," she said.

## Six weeks of 'hell' in Russian detention sites

Ukrainians suffer beatings, electrical shocks or disappear

By Carlotta Gall

The New York Times

KHARKIV, Ukraine — It was a particularly dangerous time for a military-age man in Russian-occupied northern Ukraine, where Russian troops were losing ground before a ferocious Ukrainian counterattack this spring.

That was when soldiers from the occupying forces seized a young auto mechanic while he was walking in his home village with his wife and a neighbor, blindfolded him, bound his hands and shoved him into a bus.

It was the beginning of six weeks of "hell," said Vasiliy, 37, who like most people interviewed for this article declined to give his surname for fear of reprisals. Shunted from one place of detention to another, he was beaten and repeatedly subjected to electrical shocks under interrogation, with little understanding of where he was or why he was being held.

He was far from the only one.

Hundreds of Ukrainian civilians, mainly men, have gone missing in the nearly six months of the war in Ukraine, detained by Russian troops or their proxies, held in basements, police stations and filtration camps in Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine and ending up incarcerated in Russia.

Thousands have passed through this sprawling, ad hoc screening system in the war zone, but no one knows exactly how many have been sent to Russian jails. The U.N. Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine has documented 287 cases of enforced disappearances and arbitrary detentions of civilians by Russia and says the total is almost certainly more, but probably in the hundreds, rather than the



Vasiliy, who was beaten and subjected to electrical shocks under interrogation, is one of the few Ukrainians to return home after detention in Russia. He is shown July 27 near where he works in Kharkiv, Ukraine. MAURICIO LIMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

thousands.

Vasiliy is one of a small number of people detained in Russia who have returned to Ukraine. He was released after about six weeks and eventually made his way back through a long, round-about journey after a total of three months away. Back at work in an auto repair shop in the northeastern city of Kharkiv, he said he was just glad to have survived.

"It was shaming, maddening, but I came out alive," he said. "It could have been worse. Some people were shot."

Interrogators had asked for information on Ukrainian positions and military groups, he said, but the interrogations had often been pointless, as the next blow came before he could answer a question.

"They don't believe anything you say, even if you're telling the truth," he said. "You cannot prove your innocence."

Russia has denied torturing or killing Ukrainian civilians and claims that it only

attacks military targets.

Other families, less fortunate than Vasiliy's, have been left searching for missing relatives, torn with anxiety about where they are or even if they are alive.

"I go to sleep crying, and I wake up crying," said Olha, 64, whose son was detained and beaten unconscious by Russian troops but was released after three days, and whose grandson, they learned from the International Committee of the Red Cross, is being held in a Russian pretrial detention facility.

Their village, Vilkhivka, outside Kharkiv, was overrun by Russian troops in late March. Warplanes were bombing the village, and Russian soldiers told residents they had an hour to evacuate, she said. "They said that Vilkhivka was going to be razed."

Olha and several family members hurried with other villagers through the fields for 5 miles to where they were told a Russian military truck would take them

to a waiting fleet of buses. Her son and grandson did not make it, so her husband went back to find them. As she sat on one of the buses, Russian soldiers pulled off two young men in bandages who she thought might have been wounded Ukrainian soldiers.

In front of the other passengers, the Russian soldiers beat the men, she said, and then shot them in the head. "They were left in that forest," she said. "I closed my eyes and cried."

Her grandson, Mykyta, 20, has not been seen since. Olha was evacuated with her daughter-in-law to Russia, where they were put up in a hostel.

She returned home in July and was reunited with her husband, who had survived on his own. Her son managed to join them in Russia, and he and his wife have remained there to try to locate Mykyta.

They have no idea if he will face charges, Olha said, as they have no access to him, even by phone. The

Red Cross could tell them only that he was in custody, she said.

Most of the civilians detained by Russia in the war zone are men with military experience or of fighting age. In the occupied areas, Ukrainians with leadership qualities — activists, local officials and journalists — are most likely to be detained, human rights officials said.

But many ordinary civilians have been caught up in what is often a chaotic and arbitrary roundup.

Vasiliy said he had been picked up by chance because he was walking down a street in Tsyrkuny, northeast of Kharkiv, when members of the security forces were conducting a raid. His wife and a female neighbor were told to go home, but his hands were bound with tape, and he was shoved into a bus as men in balaclavas burst into a nearby house firing weapons, forcing four men to the ground. Those men were then thrown into the same bus with Vasiliy.

Among them was Vadym, 36, a welder and mechanic who lived in Tsyrkuny with his wife and small son. Vadym had ventured out to get diapers and baby food for the toddler, according to his sister Darya Shepets, 19. She said that some of those detained had served as border guards during hostilities with Russia in 2014 but that he had no ties to the military.

The detainees were taken to the basement of a house in the village, where they were beaten and interrogated, Vasiliy said. Later they were moved to another village, where they were held in a group of about 25. After about three weeks, he was taken with a dozen men to a detention facility at Ukraine's northern border.

The four men seized in the house raid, Vadym and his three friends, were taken away in the third week. They have not been seen or heard from since. Vasiliy thought they were being released and even told Vadym to speak with his wife back in the village, saying she would help him with food for his toddler.

But when he got home at the end of June, he was shocked to realize that he was the only one to have made it back.

He got lucky when the leadership of the unit holding his group changed and the detainees were suddenly turned out onto the street. Because of the fighting, they had to travel into Russia, where they were detained again, this time by officers of the Russian spy agency, the FSB, who Vasiliy said offered him money and a job to work for them.

He refused, and after three days, they let him go.

Looking like a homeless man, with a large beard and unkempt hair, Vasiliy managed to borrow money from a friend of a friend to obtain new documents and travel through the Baltic countries and Poland back to Ukraine.

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# Sema4 moves lab to Maryland

Health data research company that grew in Connecticut shrinks business, cuts staff

By Stephen Singer  
 Hartford Courant

Sema4, a health data research company that was drawn to Connecticut from New York City in 2018 with a state loan and expanded to keep up with growth in medical technology, is shrinking its business and laying off workers.

The Stamford-based business on Monday posted a second-quarter loss and its share

price tumbled 16.3% Wednesday, closing at \$1.34. Shares plunged Tuesday by 33%.

Sema4 is making interest-only payments on state loans of \$15.5 million, according to the Department of Economic and Community Development. It owes \$11 million in principal, and the remaining \$4.5 million has been forgiven.

Sema4 Holdings Corp. announced that its founder, Eric Schadt, resigned Monday as president, chief research and development officer and a director of the company. It gave no reason.

Sema4's announced layoffs and reduced presence in Connecticut became a political issue Wednesday when Bob Stefanowski,

the Republican candidate for governor, said Gov. Ned Lamont is not doing enough to keep business in Connecticut.

It's a dramatic reversal for Sema4, which was spun off from the Mount Sinai Health System in 2017 promising changes in clinical diagnostics by combining screening and diagnostic testing, predictive modeling and open-access data.

It expanded in 2020 with a 70,000-square foot building in Stamford to process genomic tests. That was its third site in Connecticut intended to keep pace with growing demand for data-driven health care.

Sema4 posted an \$85.7 million second-quarter loss on revenue of \$36.2

million. The quarter's results were wider than a \$46.1 million loss in the same three months last year and revenue was down from \$47 million.

Sema4 said it expects revenue for the year of between \$245 million and \$255 million, down \$60 million from previous guidance and falling short of Wall Street estimates of about \$306 million.

Sema4 said Monday it's exiting the somatic tumor testing business — the study of cancers resulting from DNA alteration unrelated to inherited characteristics — and will close its clinical laboratory in Branford

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## Med Board fines doctor for operating on wrong eye

Conn. Health I-Team

The state Medical Examining Board imposed disciplinary action against four doctors Tuesday, including fining a West Hartford ophthalmologist \$15,000 for operating on the wrong eye and fining a Bridgeport radiologist \$5,000 in connection with a delayed cancer diagnosis.

The board also reprimanded the medical license of the ophthalmologist, Dr. Patrick F. Albergo, for failing to comply with his Connecticut Eye Center's "time-out" procedures and failing to maintain adequate medical records, according to a consent order he signed.

Albergo, who chose not to contest the allegations, has completed courses in medical recordkeeping and changed protocols at the center to make sure that surgeons mark the correct eye before operating, the order said.

The patient needed surgery on both eyes, and both procedures were done on separate days but in the wrong order, state Department of Public Health records show.

Board member Dr. Robert A. Green said the excuse that the patient needed surgery on both eyes is not acceptable.

"As a surgeon, this is considered a 'never' event," he said.

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## ENFIELD

### Teen called racial slur while out fundraising

By Mike Mavredakis  
 Hartford Courant

An Enfield High School student and football player was called a racial slur while out raising money for the football team, according to Enfield Superintendent Christopher Drezek.

The student reportedly went up to a home while selling blitz cards during a team program fundraiser. A resident of the home declined to participate and then called the student a racial slur and allegedly made statements that left the student feeling "threatened and intimidated," Drezek said in a statement to the community Tuesday.

The student's mother, Kelly Jackson, said her son told her he went on the resident's yard and a woman came out screaming at him. Then, her son reported, she opened a window and yelled at him "get the [expletive] off my property you [n-word] before I shoot you," Jackson said.

The student reportedly walked away with his hands up and called his parents and his coach. The coach called the police and the parents, then the coach went to the scene,

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## DOGGED DETERMINATION

In celebration of National Dog Month, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz visited the Connecticut Humane Society's headquarters in Newington.

## WILLINGTON

### Dozens of residents slam warehouse proposal

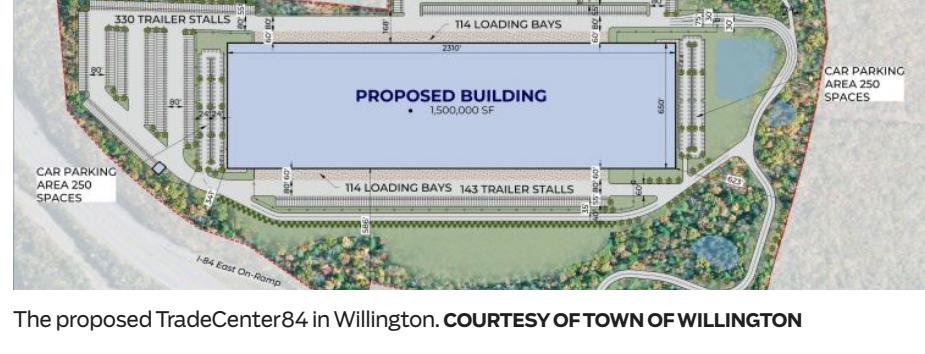
By Don Stacom  
 Hartford Courant

As about 350 people listened online and in person, a long procession of Willington residents on Tuesday night told town officials that the proposed TradeCenter 84 project is far too big and completely unwelcome.

"I love my little one-horse town. I don't want it to change," Hancock Road homeowner David Gemme told the planning and zoning commission. "I did not move into this town to be the truck haven of New England."

"We can't let this go to the next stage," Benson Chan of Laurel Drive said. "We have to say no now. I haven't met anybody who wants this."

None of the roughly 30 speakers supported Hillwood Development Co.'s proposal to build a 1.5-million-square-foot



The proposed TradeCenter84 in Willington. COURTESY OF TOWN OF WILLINGTON

warehouse just off Exit 70 of I-84.

After three hours of hearing from opponents, the commission continued its public hearing until Sept. 6 because it still had a list of more people waiting to speak.

The audience at the Hall Memorial

school gym was standing-room only, with the bleachers crowded with residents. More than 100 other people followed the discussion online.

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# Two men injured, one critically, after double stabbing

By Mike Mavredakis  
Hartford Courant

Two men were injured in a fight that led to a double stabbing in Hartford on Tuesday, according to police.

The Hartford Police Department responded to a reported fight that led to a stabbing on Pratt Street around 7:20 p.m. Police found two victims, both men in their 20s, who were suffering from stab wounds.

The first victim was suffering

from a single stab wound. He was listed in critical, but stable condition, according to police.

The second victim was suffering from multiple stab wounds, but his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, police said.

At this point in the investigation, police said the two victims are believed to be "mutual combatants."

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hartford Police Tip Line at 860-722-8477.

**ROCKY HILL**

# Bicyclist seriously injured in crash with dump truck

By Mike Mavredakis  
Hartford Courant

A bicyclist sustained serious injuries after colliding with a dump truck in Rocky Hill on Tuesday morning, according to police.

Police responded to Dividend Road in Rocky Hill after 9 a.m. Tuesday for a reported motor vehicle collision. A preliminary investigation determined that the Ford F650 dump-style truck and the bicyclist were traveling southbound on Dividend Road when the collision occurred.

The bicyclist was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital with serious life-threatening

injuries, according to police. The operator of the truck stayed on the scene and cooperated with officers, police said.

The identities of the truck driver and bicyclist were not released.

The crash is under investigation by the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team. Anyone with information on the crash is asked to contact Rocky Hill police officer Brandon Caires at 860-258-2511.

Police are also asking local businesses and residents with camera footage that may have captured the cyclist or truck before the crash to contact them as well.

drain on services, the quality of life is going to be diminished," Donald Parizek of Trask Road said.

Parizek cited Secaucus and other heavily industrialized sections of northern New Jersey as a warning, saying "It's not a pleasant site. The traffic, the noise, the trash — it all adds up."

The TradeCenter84 plan has led opponents to start an online petition calling for commissioners to reject the developer's bid for a zone change. As of Wednesday, the petition — [tinyurl.com/ycxxuacc](http://tinyurl.com/ycxxuacc) — had gotten 1,170 signatures.

Texas-based Hillwood is eyeing 160 acres of woodlands just behind

## Sema4

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by the end of the year. The business line represents less than 1% of the company's revenue of \$326.8 million in 2021, it said.

Chief Executive Officer Katherine A. Stueland told industry analysts on a conference call Monday that due to the number of companies focused on somatic oncology and Sema4's "subscale position," investing in the tumor testing business is "not strategically or financially merited."

Exiting somatic oncology is intended to bolster Sema4's focus on profitability, she said.

The company said it will eliminate about 250 jobs, or 13% of its workforce. Including earlier cuts in the first half of the year, the company has now eliminated about 30% of its jobs.

Sema4 also said it will move its hereditary cancer testing operations to Gaithersburg, Maryland, from Stamford at the end of September. The move will improve profitability by leveraging automation in the clinical laboratory in Gaithersburg, the company said.

Layoffs in the digital health and health tech sector include meditation app Calm that cut 20% of its staff and Signify Health that eliminated nearly 500 jobs. Pear Therapeutics Inc. said in a regulatory filing it's cutting 25 jobs, or 9% of its workforce. Included Health and other companies also have announced layoffs.

Sema4 was caught up in politics last year when Annie Lamont's venture capital firm invested in the company. Her husband, the governor, said at the time that no profit had been earned and any would be donated to charity. Potential conflicts of interest became an issue because Sema4 was among four firms that signed contracts with the state to perform COVID-19 testing in Connecticut.

The Sema4 contract was negotiated by the state comptroller's office.

Lamont later said his wife would pull back on investing in Connecticut because of political fallout.



Inside a Sema4 lab in Branford, patient samples in December 2020 were analyzed for the presence of COVID-19. COURANT FILE PHOTO

ever before," he said. "The only thing that could halt such progress is electing Bob Stefanowski, who has not only bragged about firing employees but proudly advised companies on how to outsource American jobs."

Sema4 benefited from the growth in personal medicine, or medical care that uses genetic or molecular profiling, and genomics that focus on sequencing and analyzing an organism's genome, the DNA content in a cell.

BTIG analyst Mark Massaro said in a research note Wednesday he expects double-digit revenue growth this year through 2025 as Sema4 takes on additional health systems and expands its offerings in women's health and oncology. However, he said Sema4 risks dependency on a limited number of product and service providers for data and analytics.

By the end of 2020, Sema4 had a workforce of 225 at its Stamford lab and planned to hire 150 the following year. It had employed 100 in Branford and about 250 at its headquarters in Stamford.

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**Warehouse**

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One after another, residents told the commission that a six-story mega-warehouse doesn't belong in a sleep suburb of fewer than 6,000 people. One called it "a gargantuan Godzilla."

Some cited financial reasons and others emphasized the character of the town or environmental concerns; regardless, the crowd applauded after each speaker.

"Property values can only be negatively impacted by a project of this magnitude. It's going to be a

River Road for a massive warehouse with more than 220 loading bays along with parking spaces for 700 tractor trailers and 500 workers.

The company said it would bring hundreds of jobs and a net gain of about \$2.7 million a year in tax revenue for the town. Additionally, the operation would spur more economic development in that section of town, according to Hillwood's representatives.

But opponents argued those reasons aren't good enough.

"The tax argument is bogus. This would lower property values in Willington and surrounding towns," said Penny Dionne of Fisher Hill

Road. "This proposal is a threat to everything Willington represents. Protect our Willington: Once it's destroyed it will be gone forever."

Ed Taiman, of Lisa Lane, drew some of the loudest applause of the evening when he said he would rather face higher taxes than see such a massive operation start in town.

"Yes, a couple of million dollars a year is nice. We'd all like to see that. But I'd rather pay it than have this project," Taiman said. "History has shown that when you increase tax revenue they find a way to spend it."

Taiman also said the parks and recreation commission is against

the project because it has worked for years to build the town's recreational center nearby on River Road.

"We stand united in our opposition," he said. "We urge you not to approve this facility."

Kathy Demers said the conservation commission is concerned about water runoff, soil erosion and new demand for water by the warehouse.

"We strongly recommend the applicant consider scaling back the height and size of the building and parking areas."

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**Slur**

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she said. The parents rushed there too.

Police responded and conducted several interviews with residents of the home, football players and witnesses, Drezek said.

Police confirmed the student was called the racial slur by a resident of the home, who offered a different account of whether a threatening statement was made, Police Chief Alaric Fox said.

Because police could not verify any threatening statements in subsequent interviews with other parties, they could not establish the probable cause needed to make an arrest, Fox said.

"The matter was investigated, and the use of the racial slur was admitted to by one of the residents," Fox said in an email to the Courant. "As deeply offensive as the language is, the use of the slur standing alone does not violate the criminal law."

Drezek condemned the incident strongly.

"I need to be crystal clear on this part — there is no place in our schools, our town or, quite frankly, this country for what happened to one of our students this weekend," he wrote. "Although this did not happen in a school, it happened to one of our kids during a fundraiser for one of our athletic teams. This type of behavior is not only unacceptable but also repulsive. I know I speak for the district, the Board of Education and the Town Council when I say there is no tolerance for racism, bigotry or discrimination against anyone in the town of Enfield."

Drezek also called on the community to work toward change.

"To make progress, we need to embark on this together as a community. This will require all of us to have difficult but necessary conversations," he wrote. "This will also require us to talk, but more importantly, to listen to one another, whether we agree with one another or not. An important first step will

be taken next week."

Jackson said she hopes this incident brings a change in the town. She said she has been going to Board of Education and town meetings for the past several years to highlight incidents of racism her family has seen and faced.

"I hope that parents will see this and have a courageous conversation with their children about how this is unacceptable in our town," she said.

"If you see a friend of yours who is a kid of color or a person of color, and something is being said to them racially or something like that, that they know to stick up for them and stand by them and know this is not OK."

Jackson said the community has been supportive of the family and her son and spoke highly of coaches', the school's and town's response to the incident.

There was a rally in support of the student Sunday afternoon, organized by local activism group PowerUp CT. Event organizer Alyssa Suitter was unable to attend but said she was told it was "very

positive" and focused on community education and the right to protest.

Connecticut does have a state law on discriminatory ridicule that says "any person who, by his advertisement, ridicules or holds up to contempt any person or class of persons, on account of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race of such person or class of persons, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor," according to state statutes.

This law has been subject to debate in recent years, including after two University of Connecticut students were arrested for allegedly using a racial slur repeatedly while walking on campus.

Frank Harris III, a journalism professor at Southern Connecticut State University who has done work on racial slurs, said he is not surprised that police did not arrest the resident because hate speech is protected under the First Amendment.

"What is not protected is speech that is accompanied by violence,"

Harris said. "That's different. Or even threatening speech — speech that is sent with a threat that is really an actual threat, like somebody's threatening to hurt you or something like that."

Harris, who is a Black man, has experienced racial discrimination himself and has spoken to victims of discrimination through his work. He said he always asks his interview subjects about their first memory of the n-word.

"Everybody has a story," he said. "Either they've been called that or they called someone that and they've heard someone — everybody has an n-word story."

Harris said an experience involving a racial slur or hate speech is "just one of those things you don't forget."

A community conversation on race, diversity, equity and inclusion will be hosted by the Enfield Town Council and Board of Education on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on the town green, Drezek said. Town, school and police staff will be present for the discussion.

**Fine**

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In addition to the \$5,000 fine, the board also reprimanded the medical license of the radiologist, Dr. Paul Aiello, for incorrectly describing a patient's vaginal ultrasound results as "unremarkable" in 2019 though the woman had cancer. DPH records show that the patient filed a complaint that said her cancer diagnosis had been delayed due to Aiello and she had to have a hysterectomy and chemotherapy.

Aiello failed to meet the standard of care by not including in his report that measurements of the lining of the patient's uterus were outside of normal limits, a consent order he signed said. Aiello, who chose not to contest the allegations, apologized to the patient, was recertified as a radiologist and completed a number of medical courses, DPH records show.

Aiello's New Haven attorney

ney, Kevin Budge, said Aiello has expressed remorse for the error and has reached an agreement to compensate the patient. Budge did not disclose the amount of the financial settlement.

The case prompted a discussion of the size of fines proposed by DPH, with Dr. C. Steven Wolf saying that medical boards in other states regularly impose higher fines. Green voted against the consent order as did board member Michele Jacklin.

"I just want to say that this [fine]

is remarkably and laughably insufficient," Jacklin said.

Jacklin asked that DPH officials come to a future board meeting to explain how the fines are negotiated and set, and board chairperson Kathryn Emmett said she will put such a discussion on a future agenda.

The board also imposed a \$10,000 fine and reprimanded the medical license of Dr. Gary Blick, the chief medical officer of Health Care Advocates International, a

Stratford health clinic that specializes in the care of LGBTQ and HIV-positive patients.

Blick agreed to a consent order that states that in 2017 and 2018, he failed to properly care for a patient, failed to maintain proper medical records for the patient and failed to monitor the patient's outcome after medical interventions.

Multiple times, Blick also directed unlicensed people to administer medications to patients, including intravenously, the consent order said. It also said that in 2018, Blick failed to maintain adequate infection prevention practices and failed to properly secure patient medical information.

While admitting no wrongdoing, Blick did not contest the allegations, the order said. DPH records show that Blick has completed courses in medical recordkeeping, infection control and management of autoimmune disorders.

in the consent order and required Blick's practice to be reviewed by another physician.

"We have no real idea if this is an isolated incident," he said.

Blick's New Haven attorney, Phyllis Pari, said that Blick submitted an infection control plan in 2018 that was approved by DPH and Blick had an independent board-certified physician review his practice.

"The conclusion is that Dr. Blick is practicing with skill and safety," he said.

In response, Wolf said that made him feel more comfortable with the order.

The board voted 11-6 to reject a consent order that would have fined a doctor who has worked at vein clinics in Southbury and Greenwich \$2,500 for performing an excessive number of procedures on a patient and misclassifying the severity of the patient's vein disease, state records show.

Several board members objected to the low fine, so the case of Desiree

Clarke, of West Palm Beach, Florida, was returned to DPH.

The board also fined a New York City ophthalmologist \$5,000 and reprimanded his medical license for failing to disclose in 2020 that he was facing disciplinary action in other states when he applied to have his license renewed in Connecticut.

Dr. Andrew Gewirtz chose not to contest the allegation in a consent order he signed. In 2020, California's medical board reprimanded his medical license for failing to supervise technicians in person who were performing refraction eye exams on patients. Medical boards in Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois and Maryland have also taken disciplinary action against Gewirtz based on the California order.

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## CONNECTICUT

## Connecticut Working Families Party endorses Lamont, Bysiewicz

By Stephen Underwood

Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Working Families Party announced its endorsement of Gov. Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz for a second term in office Monday.

In a win for Democrats, the progressive third party, which often cross-endorses Democrats, again endorsed the incumbents.

Lamont received 17,861 votes on The Working Families Party ballot line in the 2018 election, with just over 44,000 voters putting Lamont on top in 2018.

"With this endorsement, WFP recognizes past achievements of their administration, including passing paid family and medical leave, expanding HUSKY insurance, and raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, as well as continued commitments to raise the standards for working people in Connecticut in their next term," the party announced in a press release.

The endorsement came as welcome news for Lamont's campaign. The backing of the union-funded organization was not always clear. Earlier this year the party criticized the governor's state of the state address "as falling short of the reforms we need for

working families."

"I am proud to earn the endorsement of the Working Families Party and grateful for their years of advocacy on my behalf," Lamont said. "Nearly four years ago we worked together to set big goals, and have since taken big swings to achieve them— raising the minimum wage, establishing a paid family and medical leave program, and delivering the biggest tax cuts in our state's history to working people and their families."

"From pandemic response to climate change, we have worked together to ensure Connecticut is prepared to meet the moment and emerge a national leader in confronting shared challenges."

Bysiewicz also thanked the party for its endorsement and said that it has empowered her and the governor to fight for families across the state.

"Gov. Lamont and Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz understand that we need a state government that serves the many, not the privileged few, with solid finances and a firm commitment to protect our rights," said Sarah Ganong, state director. "There is much at stake—and we are proud to endorse Ned and Susan today and fight alongside them in this election."

Republican Party nominee Bob



Gov. Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz wave in a parade during the 60th West Indian Independence Celebration at Bushnell Park in Hartford on Saturday. The Working Families Party has endorsed the two for governor and lieutenant governor. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Stefanowski plans to seek the Independent Party's endorsement as he did in 2018, but he again will face competition. Connecticut Independent Party Chairman Michael Telesca has previously voiced support for nominating Rob Hotaling, a banking exec-

utive from Cheshire, to run for governor.

The Independent Party endorsed Stefanowski in 2018 when the businessman lost to Lamont. That year, about 25,000 voters cast ballots for Stefanowski on the Independent line.

The Independent Party will meet Aug. 23 in Guilford to decide who it will endorse and put on the ballot in November.

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## Connecticut launches a \$70 million accelerated workforce training program

By Erica E. Phillips

CT Mirror

The Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy this week launched a \$70 million job training program to fill more than 6,000 skilled jobs as businesses around the state face ongoing challenges hiring the workers they need.

The effort, known as CareerConneCT and funded through the American Rescue Plan, offers an online portal to register for short-term skills training for jobs in manufacturing, health care, information technology and other fields at no cost to participants. Nineteen partner programs will provide the training along with supportive services such as child care, transportation and housing assistance for those who enroll.

Kelli-Marie Vallieres, director of the workforce strategy office, said the program was designed to help workers most impacted by the COVID pandemic as well as residents from historically marginalized populations, including veterans, immigrants, formerly incarcerated people, individuals with disabilities, women and people of color.

"Currently there are over 100,000 open positions in Connecticut with approximately 67,000 unemployed workers," Vallieres said. "A fundamental issue in these open positions is a mismatch in skills of those who are unemployed and underemployed."

CareerConneCT programs, which take between five and 12 weeks to complete and offer an

industry-recognized credential, intend to close that gap. The initiative will also coordinate closely with employers to ensure that those who complete training have a job waiting for them.

Businesses across the state have sounded alarms this year about a shortage of workers, which has compounded anxiety about inflation, supply chain delays and other concerns.

By launching accelerated training programs and simplifying the experience by providing child care, housing and other assistance, state leaders hope to see workforce woes easing soon.

"We've got to do everything we can to make sure you have the trained, skilled labor ready to go," Gov. Ned Lamont said.

The CareerConneCT announcement came on the occasion of a visit to the state by U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh and members of Connecticut's congressional delegation, Rep. Joe Courtney and Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

Courtney explained that CareerConneCT takes after an earlier workforce development program, known as the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative and run out of the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, which has trained 2,500 workers for jobs building submarines in the region.

"Eighty percent of the graduates had zero experience in manufacturing," Courtney said. "I mean, they literally walked in the door with no experience and walked out the door eight to 10 weeks later, ready to be hired."

In directing \$70 million of

the state's American Rescue Plan funds toward launching CareerConneCT, the governor and state legislature intended to replicate the same model in other industries.

"To their credit, [they] recognized that it was more than just disaster response—it was about pivoting out of COVID and trying to grow the economy," Courtney said Tuesday. "This is a really smart use of ARPA dollars."

Walsh said the labor department would like to be able to replicate that model across the country.

"Connecticut is doing it right. It's the exact kind of programs that we need to invest in our working people so we can meet this moment in time," Walsh said. "I think the pandemic put a light on the fact that we have a worker shortage, but in reality we had a worker shortage the day before the pandemic happened."

Earlier this month, the U.S. Commerce Department awarded Connecticut's Office of Workforce Strategy a \$24 million grant to support a related program known as "regional sector partnerships."

Vallieres said the grant will be "leveraging" the CareerConneCT program and will include an expansion of the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative as well as the development of a "youth health care pipeline initiative" and other programs.

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— Kelli-Marie Vallieres, director of the workforce strategy office

## Connecticut developer gets prison for \$4M COVID relief fraud

By Edmund H. Mahony

Hartford Courant

A real estate developer in Stamford was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison Tuesday for stealing nearly \$2 million in emergency COVID relief loans and spending tens of thousands of dollars on pricey automobiles and rent on his luxury apartment.

Moustapha Diakhate, a 47-year old native of Senegal, filed phony applications in an attempt to defraud the government of more than \$4 million in forgivable small business loans through the pandemic Paycheck Protection Program, but a collection of banks disbursing money on the government's behalf were able to claw back all but about \$1.6 million, federal prosecutors said.

Diakhate, whose lawyer said he is the son of a prominent government officer in Senegal, also was ordered in Hartford by U.S. District Judge Michael Shea to repay about \$1.7 million.

Diakhate once tried to redevelop an old mill in Ansonia, but the project failed in 2017 when he defaulted on a loan.

Federal prosecutors said in court filings that Diakhate used several

partnerships in multiple applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration for loans authorized by the CARES Act to help businesses and their employees affected by pandemic business dislocations.

"Instead, through what the defense acknowledges was simple greed, he made repeated efforts to steal and literally did steal from banks far more than he would have been able to get through conventional bank robbery," prosecutors said in a court filing.

Diakhate used some of the money to pay off the loan on a Porsche and buy two German sedans. He also bought a \$50,000 certificate of deposit with PPP funds. He was accused of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on himself and disbursing it to people and entities with relationship to his business interests.

Diakhate's lawyer said he "worked his way up through a series of menial jobs to ownership and management of real estate companies. As this Court has noted of similar success stories in other sentencing, Mr. Diakhate realized the American Dream of self-sufficiency through hard work and determination to succeed."

## NEW HAVEN

## Police increasing on-foot presence on city streets, eye recruits

By Taylor Hartz

Hartford Courant

The New Haven Police Department is ramping up its on-foot presence on certain city streets and looking to grow its police force, urging New Haven residents to apply to the department.

During a press conference on Wednesday afternoon, New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker said that he and newly sworn-in New Haven Police Chief Karl Jacobson have been teaming up with other members of the department to go door-to-door in the city in an attempt to recruit new officers.

The mayor plans to swear in eight new recruits next month, a diverse group of new officers-to-be who will head to training in Waterbury.

The group includes four Latinos, one Latina, a Black man, three biracial recruits and one white man.

The department has been trying to be more present on foot, and on bikes, throughout the city, especially in areas they've identified as more common spots for criminal activity, violence or quality of life issues. The chief said their goal is to have about 10 "walking beats" for the police force but that this weekend they had five officers—on bikes and on foot, sometimes teamed up with detectives from other branches of the department—patrolling the New Haven Green and the area of Grand Avenue and Ferry Street.

"We've seen that getting out more of a police presence, having our walking beats and having our

officers going around with cruise lights is helping to reduce some of the violence," said Jacobson.

Also next month, in addition to swearing in their new recruits, Elicker said the department plans to continue expanding officers' training.

In July, the New Haven Police Department announced new trainings and sweeping reforms to its policies surrounding transportation and medical care for prisoners just a few weeks after a 36-year-old New Haven man, Richard "Randy" Cox, was paralyzed as he was transported, handcuffed and unrestrained, in the back of a police van.

New departmentwide training on prisoner transportation procedures went into effect last month.

Elicker said "active bystander

training is next on deck" — a training that focuses on teaching officers how to safely intervene if they see something happening that they think to be unsafe or against policy.

Jacobson, who was sworn in in early July, said the department has also been working hard to reduce crime. He said the city has the lowest rate of non-fatal and fatal shootings for cities statewide, with 75 non-fatal shootings and seven homicides.

Jacobson said that their new initiatives to have more officers interacting with community members are helping to reduce crime rates and the prevalence of guns on the streets.

By this time in 2021, the department had seized 129 guns, four of them ghost guns, and made 142 firear-

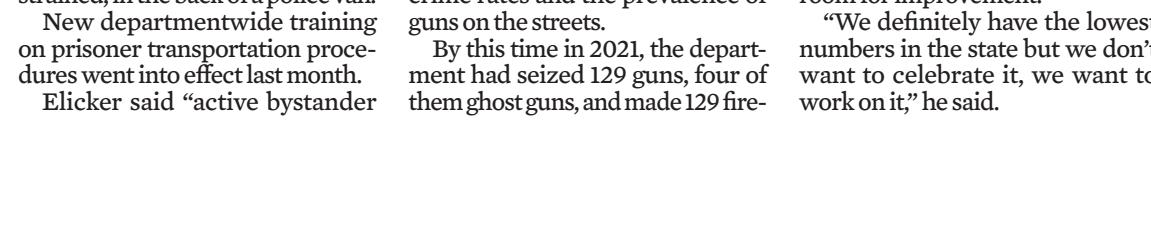
related arrests. So far in 2022, New Haven police have seized 166 guns, 35 of them ghost guns, and made 142 firear-

Jacobson said that there has been a significant uptick in the number of guns on city streets but that tips and information from citizens have been useful in rounding up firearms.

"The community is helping us take these guns off the streets," he said.

Though proud of the lower number of fatal shootings compared to last year's 18 by the same time in the year, Jacobson said there is still room for improvement.

"We definitely have the lowest numbers in the state but we don't want to celebrate it, we want to work on it," he said.



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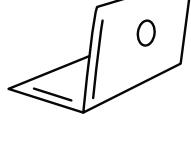
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## Why are only some tax breaks adjusted for inflation?

By **Alexis Leondis**  
Bloomberg Opinion

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, one of the ways inflation reared its ugly head was through bracket creep. Since the income cutoffs for different tax rates weren't periodically adjusted for inflation, millions of Americans paid higher rates while their real incomes stayed the same.

Since 1985, the Internal Revenue Service has taken inflation into account annually when it announces income thresholds for the coming tax year. Yet while dozens of tax provisions are adjusted for inflation every year, there are plenty that aren't.

Take two popular tax breaks, the child tax credit and the credit that taxpayers get to help with child care expenses. Both are flat amounts that don't take inflation into account. Similarly, the amount someone can write off for an investment loss has been \$3,000 per year since 1978. And the deduction for business gifts has been \$25 since 1962.

Unfortunately, whether a tax provision is inflation-adjusted is dependent on lawmakers believing there's enough money to allow for it when drafting legislation.

More often than not, inflation accommodations are the first to go during negotiations in Congress — and then are easily forgotten. And so, we're left with a U.S. tax code that's a total hodgepodge.

Gasoline prices may be cooling, but annual inflation and food prices are still elevated. When inflation is high, those adjustments matter even more because they increase the value of tax credits and deductions. Without them, tax benefits effectively stay flat.

Another way things are skewed is when the income thresholds to qualify for certain tax credits and deductions, as well as those that trigger certain taxes (such as the net investment income tax), don't keep pace with inflation.

For example, the thresholds for owing the net investment income tax, which subjects those with higher incomes to a tax on investment income to help pay for Medicare, have been set since 2013 at \$200,000 for single taxpayers and \$250,000 for those married filing jointly. Adjusted for inflation, those cutoffs would now be \$257,000 and \$322,000, respectively, according to Alex Muresianu at the Tax Foundation.

Going back to the child tax credit, an example from the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center shows how the lack of inflation adjustments can add up over time. If the current \$2,000 credit stays the same, by 2032, it will be worth just \$1,430, based on inflation projections from the Congressional Budget Office.

Remember, the child tax credit was increased as part of the 2017 tax overhaul to compensate for ending the personal exemption for dependents, which was the amount of money taxpayers used to be able to exclude from their income for having children. The personal exemption was inflation-adjusted, whereas the maximum amount of the child tax credit isn't.

The child tax credit was boosted during the pandemic to help lower-income families, but that increase expired at the end of 2021. So households that are suffering the most are receiving less, and have no inflation adjustment to cushion the blow.

It's a similar story for deductions for interest paid on student loans. While the income limits to qualify for deducting the interest are adjusted annually for inflation, the maximum deduction — \$2,500 — is not, and has been in place since the early 2000s.

The hot housing market has also raised questions about why the amount homeowners are allowed to exclude from their taxes when they sell a primary home has been stuck since 1997 at \$250,000 for single taxpayers and \$500,000 for those married filing jointly. A report by the Congressional Research Service points out that the average price on the sale of an existing home has increased by 15% since then, and suggested that lawmakers consider indexing those numbers to general inflation or housing prices.

There are some tax issues where the argument for automatically indexing to inflation is more complicated. Under the current system, capital gains aren't indexed, so when someone sells a stock or home for a profit, the original purchase price isn't adjusted for inflation. Such a wholesale change would result in a significant budget deficit.

If lawmakers are looking to make higher prices easier to bear, one of the most practical ways to start would be with actual inflation adjustments.

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## Carbon tax route has been ignored



**Paul Krugman**

Three-and-a-half years ago, an open letter that more than 3,600 economists eventually signed declared that "climate change is a serious problem calling for immediate national action." The signatories

included 15 former chairs of the Council of Economic Advisers, more than half of whom served under Republican presidents — a display of bipartisanship that contrasts sharply with the lockstep opposition of Republicans in Congress to the national action we're finally taking in the form of the Inflation Reduction Act (which, despite its name, is mainly a climate bill) that President Joe Biden signed Tuesday.

While we're getting action, however, that action isn't taking the form called for in the letter. That huge array of economists agreed that climate change mitigation should take the form of a carbon tax — a fee levied on businesses and individuals who emit greenhouse gases. This, the letter argued, was the remedy recommended by "sound economic principles." But the IRA doesn't include a carbon tax, nor does it introduce a system of tradable emissions permits, which would provide similar incentives.

Instead, the act relies almost entirely on subsidies intended to promote clean energy, offering tax credits for renewable energy, aid to keep nuclear plants operating, incentives to buy electric vehicles and make homes more energy-efficient, and more.

So what happened to the carbon tax idea? Biden administration officials are well aware of the Econ 101 case for emission taxes. Indeed, Janet Yellen, the Treasury secretary, and Cecilia Rouse, the current CEA chair, were among the letter's signatories. I also understand that logic; in fact, the introductory economics textbook I wrote with Robin Wells makes that argument in some detail. But a few months after the letter was released, I made the case in a Twitter thread against being a "carbon tax purist," arguing that an exclusive focus on carbon taxes was "dubious economics and bad political economy."

And in practice, Democrats ignored the carbon tax route. Why?

One answer is that, as I suggested, the economic case for the superiority of emission taxes over other policies isn't as solid as it may appear — because it relies on the implicit assumption that the set of available technologies can be taken as given. If the cost of renewable energy is what it is, and the same is true of other approaches to



President Joe Biden, center, celebrates after signing the Inflation Reduction Act on Tuesday in Washington. DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

climate mitigation like improving building insulation, a carbon tax has the virtue of giving people the incentive to reduce emissions as cheaply as possible.

But a carbon tax may not give the right incentives for the development of new technologies; for that, you may need targeted subsidies in promising areas.

Now, this is an old argument — one over whether we should have a deliberate industrial policy rather than letting the market do its thing. And the technological case for industrial policy can easily be abused to justify wasteful intervention. But the recent history of energy technology — revolutionary cost reductions for renewable energy that seem to have been jump-started by government aid — suggests that for now, with low-emission technologies still in their infancy, there's a strong case for industrial policy as opposed to, or in addition to, carbon pricing.

And there are also overwhelming political arguments against making carbon taxes the centerpiece of climate policy.

The economists' letter asserted that the political downsides of a carbon tax —

Higher taxes! Big government! — could be neutralized by promising to rebate the proceeds to taxpayers, "to avoid debates over the size of government." This was naive, even setting aside the certainty that conservatives would have relentlessly demagogued the tax increase no matter what the government promised to do with the revenues.

Because people aren't just consumers and taxpayers, they're also workers. And any policy that reduces greenhouse gas emissions will displace jobs in fossil fuel industries; there's just no way around it. To be politically feasible, a climate policy has to credibly promise the creation of new jobs in other sectors — not with a general assurance that "a market economy will find other things for workers to do" but with specific prospects of new employment in solar panel installation, retrofitting of existing buildings and so on.

As I wrote back in that 2019 thread, "If we're going to pass anything that helps avert catastrophe, it will have to be a Christmas tree" — that is, a bill that offers a lot of specific payoffs to various interests.

With Biden's signing complete, today is Christmas.

For the incredible fact is that we have, after decades of fruitless appeals for action, done something major about climate change. Policy ideas don't do any good unless they get turned into actual legislation. Yes, the Inflation Reduction Act is a Christmas tree, not the simple, clean policy envisaged by advocates of a carbon tax. But energy experts are nonetheless enthusiastic about its prospects and believe that it will make a big difference to emissions.

Does this mean that we should never impose a carbon tax? No, not at all. There's still a good case for giving people a direct financial incentive to limit emissions, and such a thing may become politically possible as the economy decarbonizes and green energy becomes a more powerful interest group.

For now, however, we're tackling climate change with carrots, not sticks, with subsidies, not taxes. And that's OK.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

## Future remote workers need to build networks while in college

By **Conor Sen**

Bloomberg Opinion

Tens of millions of workers had to adjust to working remotely at the onset of the pandemic, and over two years later we continue to debate the right balance between in-person and virtual work. Workers and their employers are still experimenting to see what works best, making the most of an environment where we're not likely to be physically present with as many of our colleagues as we were in the past.

That raises the question of how teenagers who plan on careers in business, finance, technology and media should prepare for their own futures in the workplace, when they'll never get the pre-2020 experience when most people came into the office most of the time. And while a tight job market might make it easier than ever to land a job without going to college, for industries where who you know and the strength of your network is a key asset, we're going to find that going to college has even more value than it did before the pandemic.

That's the takeaway from new research published in *Nature* showing where people

in different income brackets make friends. Lower-income people tend to make most of their friends in their neighborhoods, while those who are upper-income tend to make most of their friends in college.

Future doctors and lawyers don't need to be convinced about the merits of going to college — they do several years of graduate school on top of undergrad. But for other high-paying professions there's the hope that by skipping college and going straight into the workplace, one can move up the ranks over time via networking in the office and demonstrating one's ability to bosses and managers.

That path was already difficult but has become even more uncertain as white-collar industries adjust to a new normal of hybrid and remote work. Maybe 20-somethings will be eager to show up at offices every day to network and gain skills, but if older and higher-up employees work from home some or most of the time those younger people won't have access to the same amount of relationship-building that workers who came of age before 2020 got.

If building a network and making friends at work are going to become more difficult in the future, then it raises the relative value of places that have demonstrated an

effectiveness at doing just that — such as college.

It also suggests that some students should think differently about their priorities when choosing a college. I went to Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California. I was attracted to its reputation in engineering and computer science, the small campus and student body (my graduating class was around 150), and an academic reputation that was on par with MIT and Caltech.

What I didn't think much about at the time was how the flip side of a small student body is it means a very small alumni network. And whereas MIT and Caltech are well-known nationally, Harvey Mudd isn't well known outside of technology fields or beyond California. As my career migrated from California and the tech industry to, over time, Atlanta and the financial and media industries, I haven't been able to leverage my time at Mudd the way I might have at a different school with a bigger student body and alumni network.

This isn't to say that people shouldn't go to smaller colleges. It's just that network maximization relative to skill development has more value now than three years ago.

And, as someone who went to public

schools through high school, I cringe when I write this, but it also argues that, if they can afford it, people should give more consideration to private school than they otherwise might have. The same rationale applies here as well: If it's going to be harder to build a network from scratch in the workplace, then forming bonds with elite students and families in high school is a way of ensuring you'll have the network even if the future of work is hopping from remote job to remote job via employment sites like LinkedIn and Indeed.

As an optimist, I'm hopeful that we'll work out the kinks in remote work over time, and that people will still be able to build networks and make friends at work. But I also think back on my own career and doubt that I'd have some of the connections I do if the workplace were significantly remote or even hybrid when I was in my 20s. So it makes sense for young people thinking about their futures to invest more time in their networks in high school and college, because it's just not clear what the workplace will look like when they're building careers of their own.

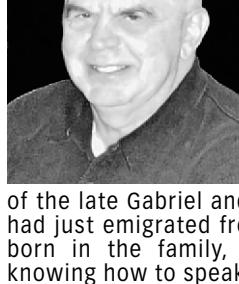
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Patricia A. Bussiere	Dennis J. Garafolo
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Philip R. Tambling	<b>West Hartford</b>
<b>Hartford</b>	Marie B. Garneau
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Peter Jones	Peter Jones
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Peter L. Gill	
Scott Harrison	
Khoury J. Mubarek	

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

**OBITUARIES****Andrews, Mena G.**

Mena Gabriel Andrews, of Newington, passed away peacefully in his home from complications due to Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. He was surrounded by his children and wife, Joanne of 60 years. Mena was born on March 4, 1936, and raised in West Hartford, CT, the second son of the late Gabriel and Eriphy (Zannetos) Andrews, who had just emigrated from Greece. As the first American born in the family, Mena started kindergarten not knowing how to speak English. During his school years he enjoyed playing soccer, basketball and baseball and was passionate about baseball statistics as a young boy. He grew up in the restaurant business helping his father in the kitchen of the Jade Cafeteria in downtown Hartford.

His affinity toward math and numbers led him toward his pursuit of an engineering degree at the University of Connecticut where he joined Alpha Sigma Phi and began assuming his role as a life-long Husky fan. Following graduation, while working at Royal Typewriter, he met Joanne by the coffee machines. They married in September of 1962. He became interested in nuclear energy and obtained his Masters' Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Nuclear Physics. He had a 26-year career with Combustion Engineering traveling around the world to various nuclear power plants, and when he was not traveling, he was home coaching CYO basketball, watching basketball, golfing, and enjoying family dinners. After his retirement from engineering, he enjoyed time with family, Husky basketball, March Madness, golf and poker.

Along with his wife, Mena is survived by his three children and their families; his son, Gabe Andrews and wife, Lora of Pittsburgh, PA; his daughter Susan Brodeur and her husband Jonathan of Old Saybrook, CT; and his daughter Trish Hartunian of West Hartford, CT; Mena was very proud of his eight grandchildren, Jonathan, Grace, Victoria and Alexa Brodeur, Stephen, Jason and Chloe Andrews, and Sophia Hartunian. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Robert and Marion Czop and sister-in-law Sylvia Andrews and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Philip Andrews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mena's family on Saturday, August 20th, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Mass of Christian Burial for Mena will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Newington. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations in Mena's name may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at Donation Processing, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or at [www.michaeljfox.com/donate](http://www.michaeljfox.com/donate). To share a condolence with Mena's family, please visit [www.newingtonmemorial.com](http://www.newingtonmemorial.com).

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Curtis, Jean A.**

Jean Curtis, 82, formerly of Bristol, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Avon Health Center in Avon, CT. Jean was born November 6, 1939 in Rockland, Maine to the late Hyman William and Doris Ruth (Knight) Lunt. She spent most of her life in Bristol, CT and worked many jobs while raising three children as a single parent. She was a proud member of Bristol's Grace Baptist Church and remained strong in her faith to her very last day. Jean was also a huge Red Sox fan and loved caring for her cat Fenway. Jean is predeceased by her beloved son, John Curtis and survived by her loving family, a daughter Bonnie Clawson and husband David of Burnsville MN, a son Timothy Curtis and wife Patricia of Farmington CT, a daughter-in-law Dian Curtis (wife of John), one sister, Shirley Bodman of Bradenton, FL; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren.

The visiting hours will be Monday, August 22, 2022, from 5 to 7 PM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol who has the honor of serving Jean's family. Family and friends are invited to go directly to Grace Baptist Church, 736 King Street, Bristol on Wednesday morning, August 24, 2022 at 11 AM to attend Jean's Memorial Service. Burial will follow in Forestville Cemetery, Circle St., Forestville. Please visit Jean's memorial website at [www.FunkFuneralHome.com](http://www.FunkFuneralHome.com)

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[www.FunkFuneralHome.com](http://www.FunkFuneralHome.com)Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Ferrantino, Frank Angelo**

Frank Angelo Ferrantino, 64 of Newington, CT passed away Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The family will receive relatives and friends Friday August 19, 2022 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT. Private Services with a burial in Rose Hill Memorial Park will follow. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com)

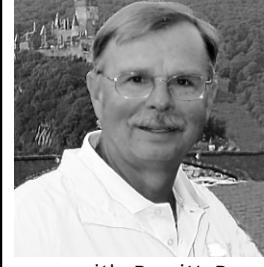
Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**OBITUARIES****Bussiere, Patricia A.(McDougal)**

Patricia "Patti" Ann Bussiere, 59, beloved wife of Joseph Bussiere, of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 12, 2022 in her home, surrounded by her loving family. Patti was born in Hartford and was the daughter to the late William and Marian (Altieri) McDougal. She was a lifelong East Hartford resident, graduating from George J. Penney High School.

Patti was employed at the Travelers Insurance Company for 40 years where she gained many special friends. She enjoyed spending time and making memories with her family and friends. She also thrived at being a grandmother. Spending most of her time either being with or talking about her five grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her big heart and beautiful smile.

Besides her beloved husband, she is survived by and will be dearly missed by her children; Kayla Riley and her husband Michael of Amston, Joseph Bussiere and his wife Erin of Coventry; a very special niece, very close to her heart, Jennifer Riley and her husband Sean of Amston; a brother, William McDougal and his wife Suzanne of South Windsor; along with her precious grandchildren who were her pride and joy: JoJo, Jaxon, Colton, Olivia, and Damien. In addition to her immediate family Patti leaves behind her family in Pennsylvania, several adored brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. Patti was also predeceased by a brother, Joseph McDougal.

Family and friends are invited Monday, August 22nd to the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford, for a time of visitation from 4 - 7 pm. Please join the family on Tuesday, August 23rd at 11 am for her Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Peace Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish, 370 May Road, East Hartford. There are no burial services at this time. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Tuesday morning. Memorial donations in Patti's name may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Patti's family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Timothy Hong and his staff for his compassion and excellent care given to Patti during her illness. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit [desopoh.com](http://desopoh.com).



Peter L. Gill, 72, of Avon, beloved husband of Wendy (Lusk) Gill, passed away peacefully on Friday August 12, 2022 at home. Born on December 19, 1949 to the late Peter and Marion Gill, he grew up in Newington and was a graduate of Central Connecticut State University and the UConn MBA program. After a successful career in banking and insurance with Burritt Bancorp, Aetna and Fleet Bank, he retired as Vice President at Bank of America in 2004. Peter was an accomplished golfer with the Central CT Blue Devils golf team and nearly 50-year member of the Farmington Woods Golf Club where he won multiple club championships. Over the years he recorded a remarkable 15 hole-in-ones! Nothing was better than a day on the golf course with his buddies. Peter was a long-time resident and active member of the Farmington Woods community, serving on the golf and finance committees and as Treasurer of the Master Association Executive Board. He enjoyed gardening, a walk in the woods, Capitol Lunch hot dogs, Luke's jelly donuts, and a good joke. His wit and sense of humor kept us all laughing. Peter and Wendy were married for 31 years and shared many adventures together, including biking trips in Europe, annual vacations in Acadia National Park, and spending winter months in Sandestin, Florida. In addition to his wife, Peter is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Patricia and Donald Archibald of Cheshire, his nephew Daniel Archibald of Harrison, NY and his children Nate and Colette. Peter also leaves a special aunt and uncle Mary Ann and Bruce Anderson of Norfolk, several cousins and his sisters-in-law, Karen Gilday and her husband Brian of Waterford and Margaret Strafaci and her husband Mark of Niantic and many, many dear friends. Per Peter's wishes services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon has care of the arrangements. For condolences or to share a memory with Peter's family please visit [www.carmonfuneral-home.com](http://www.carmonfuneral-home.com).

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Marie Blanche (Demers) Garneau, 94, of West Hartford, passed away surrounded by her loving family on August 16, 2022. Born in Ascot Corner, Quebec, Canada on January 2, 1928 daughter of the late Ernest and Henedine (Labrie) Demers. She immigrated to the United States in 1957 raising her family in Hartford, CT and later West Hartford CT.

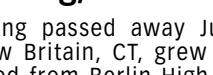
Blanche was employed by the West Hartford Public School system for many years providing food service for students. She also took pride in making homemade soups and salads for the staff. After retirement she moved to Naubuc Green in Glastonbury where she had so many friends that were like family to her. Marie was a communicant of St. Brigid Parish for many years. She was a devout Catholic and later in life enjoyed watching her daily Mass on TV. There was no calling her at 10 am, that was Mass time.

Blanche loved to travel and took trips into her 80's. She enjoyed frequenting the casinos with her girlfriends, often striking it rich on the penny slots. She loved playing cards with her grandchildren and her friends at Naubuc Green. Her grandchildren would fight to be her partner when playing setback, as the team she was on always won. She loved to cook and always arrived with something delicious to eat. Family favorites were her crepes, cookies, homemade pies, and Canadian tourtiere. She loved to show her children and grandchildren how to cook.

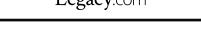
Blanche is survived by her children, Claude Garneau of Vernon, Francine Roy (Gilles), of Bristol, Celine DiSalvo (Andy) of Beaufort, SC, Steve Garneau (Irene) of West Hartford; son-in-law, Bob Drenning of Watertown; and former daughter in law, Cathy Gudauskas. She leaves the loves of her life, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Lise Drenning, Craig Garneau (Joanna), Jim Drenning (Samantha), Kristen Hadden (Royce), Nick Roy (Melissa), Mike Roy, Drew DiSalvo (Molly), Abby Garneau, Phil DiSalvo, (Abby Side), Luke Garneau; and four great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Nora Venetier and Henry and Madeline Roy. She was predeceased by her daughter Diane Garneau Drenning and Conrad Garneau. She grew up on a farm in Canada with fourteen siblings and was the sole surviving member of her family. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews both in the US and Canada.

Her family would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the entire staff at Live Well for the professionalism, care, love and compassion provided to Blanche and her family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Blanche's name may be made to Live Well, 1261 South Main Street, Plantsville, CT 06479.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday (August 19) at 11:00 AM in St. Brigid Church, West Hartford. Calling Hours will be prior to the Funeral Mass from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Burial will be private. For online condolences please visit [SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://SheehanHilbornBreen.com).

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Claudia Jane Long passed away July 10, 2022. She was born in New Britain, CT, grew up in Kensington, CT. She graduated from Berlin High School, Berlin, CT in 1974. She received her Bachelor's Degree from The University of Connecticut and an MBA from Yale School of Management. Claudia was Vice President - Project Manager at State Street Corporation, Boston, MA. She lived in Boston for many years before relocating to the Los Angeles area in 2013. Claudia met her partner of over 30 years, Paul Brodie, while working in Washington, DC. Together they shared a happy life with love for their cats, fine dining, good wine and travel, especially to Italy. Claudia was a lover of art, books, music and jewelry. She was artistic and designed and made her own jewelry. Her parents John and Laura (Faccini) Long of Kensington, CT predeceased Claudia. Claudia leaves behind her beloved partner Paul Brodie, of La Quinta, CA, her beloved kitties Angus and Coco, sisters Vianney Long of Vancouver, WA and Martha Long of Fulshear, TX, one niece, five nephews and many loving cousins. Claudia was a bright and unique light. She will never be forgotten and will remain in our hearts forever.

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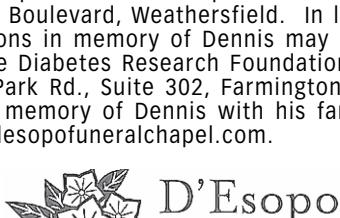
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**Garafolo, Dennis J.**

Dennis "Garf" Garafolo, 69, of Ellington, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 14, 2022 surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford on June 3, 1953, he was the son of the late Louis and Frances (Lombardo) Garafolo. He was a 1971 graduate of South Catholic High School, where he excelled in basketball and golf. He was employed by ISSCO and Sincos, where he excelled in sales for over 40 years.

Dennis will be most remembered for his love for his family, entertaining everyone, and being a remarkable father. He was most passionate about fishing, baseball, and UConn basketball. Dennis is survived by his sister, Gloria Garafolo of Hartford; his two sons, Nicholas and Matthew Garafolo of Vernon; his loving and supportive girlfriend, Robyn Iacobucci and many other extended family members and friends.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dennis' nurses and caregivers for keeping him comfortable and happy while at Hartford Hospital. In addition, the family would like to express gratitude to his neighbors, Mike and Elaine, for their overwhelming support. Calling hours will be held Saturday, August 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. concluding with a Celebration of Life Service at 1 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Weathersfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dennis may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 20 Batterson Park Rd., Suite 302, Farmington, CT 06032. To share a memory of Dennis with his family, please visit [desopofuneralchapel.com](http://desopofuneralchapel.com).

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Postl, Kevin M.**

Kevin M. Postl, 61, of Plainville, formerly of Newington, died peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial is serving the family. To share a memory of Kevin and for more information, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

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## OBITUARIES

**Handel, Irma**

Irma Handel died on August 4th, 2022 after 87 wonderful years. She passed away peacefully at home with her loving family beside her. Born in Queens, New York, the youngest daughter of Anne & Aaron Ruby, Irma graduated from Forest Hills HS where she met Mort, beginning a romance that would last for over 70 years. After earning a degree from Queens College, Irma and Mort were married and Irma began a career in teaching, but soon choose to devote her life to raising a family. Dedicated to her three children and her husband, Irma was the backbone and the compass that encouraged and enabled them to all succeed, instilling in them a sense of morality and fairness that still guides them, as well as set the course for her four grandchildren. Irma spent years supporting her family and pursuing her hobbies and other interests in Huntington, New York and West Hartford, Connecticut. She inherited a love of photography from her father Aaron, who had a darkroom in their Kew Gardens Hills basement. Irma was always with her camera, capturing images on trips around the world and around town. Mort and Irma travelled extensively, with pictures of everything that caught her eye - from Alaska to China to her local supermarket - residing in her albums and in the homes of those she loved. Irma and her husband, Mort, were a family who gave back to their community, supporting with their time and financial resources the Jewish Federations in Hartford, CT and Palm Beach County Florida, and with support to the Jewish Children's Service Organization, Jewish Community Health, Jewish Family Services and JARC. Irma's commitment to education bore full fruit when she and her husband became sponsors of the Say Yes To Education program in Hartford, CT. The Handel's and two other families guaranteed the college education of the entire fifth grade class of 76 black and Latino children at the Annie Fisher Elementary School. The program lasted more than 13 years with nearly all of the children graduating with college degrees. During this same period Irma was a board member of the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. Her love of photography, music, and art led to contributions that endowed a photo studio and an annual scholarship for students in the graphic arts program, and with her husband Mort, they provided a gift enabling the University of Hartford to establish the Mort and Irma Handel Performing Arts Center as part of the Hart School. Irma is survived by her husband and three children; Mark, his husband, Bill, Gary, his wife Alla, Karen Baker and her husband Mike. She will be missed by her four grandchildren - Emily & Drew Baker, and Kira & Alice Handel, as well as several nieces and nephews. Her sisters, Norma Sorrel and Selma Lichten predeceased her. Irma lived a full life, filled by the love of her husband, children, and grandchildren. She will be missed by many.

Contributions can be made to Alzheimers Foundation of America located at 322 8th Avenue, New York City, NY 10001

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**Harrison, Scott**

Richard "Scott" Harrison, 60, of East Windsor, passed away after a short illness on Friday August 12th. He is survived by his partner, Mary Scutt, also of East Windsor, his mother Nancy Desrosiers (Ronald) of Andover/New Smyrna Beach, father Richard B. Harrison (Joan) of Manchester/Punta Gorda, his "little bro" Roger Harrison (Christine) of Holland, MA and his stepbrother Wade Bedell (Michelle) of Glastonbury.

He worked for Garafalo Markets as an Assistant Store Manager in their Shoprite of Cromwell store. He also worked for ShopRite of Enfield (Miller Farms), ShopRite of Manchester (Waverly Markets) and Big Y. He managed a multitude of departments and was a mentor to many.

Scott was a friend of Bill W. for many years. He spent his later years in service to others by volunteering and mentoring in the community. Scott was also very involved in his church, Unity of Greater Hartford, for many years.

Scott was an avid fan of the New York Mets. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and was a Mopar enthusiast. He loved going to the beach, watching "Criminal Minds" and "Homicide Hunter". Among his favorite pleasures were 7-Eleven coffee, snacking, and a good nap.

He will be missed by so many. The family will receive friends and relatives Friday, August 19th, 5:00-8:00pm, at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. A celebration of Scott's life will be held at 7:00pm. To leave an online condolence, or visit Scott's tribute page, please visit [holmeswatkins.com](http://holmeswatkins.com).

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**Jones, Peter**

Peter Jones passed away peacefully on August 15, 2022, age 74. He was born in New Amsterdam Guyana, South America. He loved music, dancing, and being carefree in his country with his family and friends. He met his wife Esther Jones during his youthful days. He had three daughters, Rosalind Jones, Anita Jones, and Marlene Jones. He was a kind, loving, and optimistic man who would show you a rainbow when you saw a cloud. He was extremely fond, protective, and would gladly brag about his grandchildren and their accomplishments.

In addition to his loving wife Esther and his three devoted daughters, Peter will be forever missed by his adored grandchildren: Melissa Gwynn, Taylor Gwynn, Ayanna Gwynn, Justin Jensen, Adam Jensen, Devontae Davis, and lastly Gavin Davis. He is also survived by his siblings: Rosemary Jones, David Jones, Andrew Jones and Carol Jones and his niece, Maria Fenn, all of whom embrace great childhood memories. He was predeceased by his parents Robert and Rosina Jones and his brother, Michael Jones, all of whom welcome him and greet him home. We will miss him greatly.

Calling hours are Saturday, August 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. concluding with a Prayer Service at 11:30 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. To share a memory of Peter with his family, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://desopofuneralchapel.com).

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**Kaprove, Mae**

Mae (Karp) Kaprove, formerly of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on August 16th at the age of 95. She was the very beloved wife of Fred Kaprove for nearly 74 years. She was the daughter of the late Rose and David Karp. She graduated from Weaver High School in 1945, studied interior design at Vesper George School of Art, and worked as an interior decorator. After bringing up her children, Mae embarked upon a second career at Gerber Scientific Instrument Company. She was recognized for her devotion to her work, warmth, and good humor. She retired in 1992 as Supervisor of Accounting and Corporation Cashier, and was the longest serving female employee of the company. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and was a loyal, compassionate friend to all who knew her. Her social calendar was always full, and her birthday cards were never late. She was a keen observer, great listener, and known for sharing straightforward advice. Her hobbies included gardening and shopping. She loved playing golf, tennis, and bridge with her husband Fred. Together they enjoyed many seaside vacations in FL, RI, and NH. Mae was also well-known for hosting gourmet meals for friends and family. She was a Hadassah life member and supported many charities. Mae is survived by her husband Fred. She is also survived by her son Michael Kaprove and his wife Debbie; daughter Beth Ratner and her husband Charles; grandson Adam Kaprove and his wife Sarah; grandson Jared Kaprove and his wife Caitlin; grandson Ben Ratner and his wife Elizabeth; her five beautiful great-grandchildren Emma, Abbie, Eleanor, Abigail, and Theodore; special cousins Ivan and Linda Karp; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). It was Mae's generous wish to contribute her body to UConn for medical research. A memorial gathering only will be held on Friday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Anthology Senior Living, 1 Bridgewater Road, Farmington, CT. May her memory be a source of strength and a blessing.

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**Kelliher, Lois**

Lois B. Kelliher, 95, of Plainville, formerly of Southington, passed away peacefully in the comfort of home on Thursday, August 11, 2022. She is now reunited with her infant daughter, Lora, and her loving husband, Joseph F. Kelliher, who predeceased her in 2019. Together they shared 65 devoted years of marriage.

Lois was born on November 27, 1926 in New York City, New York daughter to the late Napoleon and Josephine (Brignoli) Bighiatti. She grew up in New Jersey prior to moving to Hamden, CT and she graduated from Hamden High School in 1944. Lois married her sweetheart, Joseph, in 1954 and together they settled in New Britain where they raised their family. Lois and Joseph purchased the Towne House Motor Inn in Cambridge, New York, and successfully ran the business together for 17 years prior to moving back to CT and settling in Southington to enjoy their retirement. A firm believer in sticking together as family, Lois moved into her daughter's house in Plainville upon the passing of her husband and that is where she has been residing up until her passing. Lois was very faithful, practiced her religion actively, and prayed the rosaries daily. She was a former member of the Legion of Mary at St. Jerome church in New Britain and while residing in Cambridge, she helped form the Legion of Mary with the help of the priest at a church in town, inspiring others to be a part. Lois was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville and enjoyed attending Mass regularly. Lois was a stoic woman with a roll-off-the-shoulder personality. She had a great sense of humor and was easy to befriend. Lois had a heart of gold, always willing to lend a helping hand and be there to support whoever was in need. She will be missed dearly but her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now at peace resting in eternal life with those she loves that have gone on before her. Lois is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Kelliher, of Plainville; her son, James Kelliher and his wife, Pamela, of FL; her 2 grandsons, Shawn and Chad; her special niece and nephew, Linda Laviana and Stephen Brochetti and their families; and several nieces and nephews on the Kelliher side of the family who remained in touch with Lois and made it a point to let her know that they cared. This meant the world to Lois and she greatly appreciated it. She also leaves behind several special cousins throughout New York and New Jersey and her lifelong friends from James Ave who became her family: Jane Iozzo and Dolores Breault. In addition to her infant daughter and husband, Lois was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Brochetti and her husband, Henry and her lifelong friend from James Ave, Helen Button. Family and friends are welcome to gather at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 4 to 6 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville on Monday, August 22 at 10 AM. Burial will be held privately. Donations in memory of Lois can be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111, or to Our Lady of Mercy Church c/o Parish Office, 19 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062 or to [ortv.org](http://ortv.org), as Lois was a big supporter and watched Mass daily. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

  
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**LaCava, Victoria C.**

Victoria Concetta (Gagliardi) LaCava, wife of the late Jerry LaCava and loving mother of Mark and Steven (Rose), entered into Eternal Life on August 13, 2022.

Daughter of the late Rose (DeCamillis) Gagliardi and Victor P. Gagliardi, she was born in Hartford on April 18, 1934, the first of 6 children, moving to Wethersfield in 1954.

Vicki received her Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Connecticut State University and her Master's Degree from Boston University. She began her career in Education as a primary teacher in the Wethersfield school system and later was employed as a reading consultant with the Hartford Public Schools. An inspired teacher, she received many letters years later from former students thanking her for her instruction and encouragement.

After their marriage, Vicki and Jerry resided in Avon where she was involved with the CCD program at the Church of St. Ann. Following Jerry's untimely death in 1974, Vicki and the boys moved to Wethersfield to be closer to family.

Vicki was a woman of strong faith, courage and possessed a generous spirit. She was creative, fashionable and frequently thought "outside the box". Always a devoted mom, she strongly encouraged her sons to develop their talents and pursue their interests, providing them with many opportunities to do so.

A prolific reader throughout her life, she enjoyed finding a "hidden" bookstore in the Berkshires and later discussing her new "finds" over a meal of Indian food. Vicki loved visiting art galleries and museums, her favorite being the Yale Center for British Art. In addition to her sons, Vicki will be greatly missed by her dear family; her sisters, R. Donna Gagliardi and Dolores Sassano and her husband Wayne; her brothers, Peter Gagliardi and his wife Amy and Victor Gagliardi, as well as her much loved nieces and nephews and friends. She will also be fondly remembered by her sister-in-law, Mary Pandolfe.

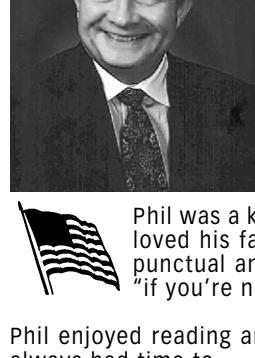
In addition to her husband and parents, Vicki is predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Corinne and Gino Giovanetti and her infant granddaughter, Sofia.

Her journey now complete, may she rest in peace.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday (August 19th) at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. Entombment will follow at Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. The family will receive relatives and friends at the Church of the Incarnation from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the Mass on Friday morning. In lieu of flowers, donations in Vicki's honor may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Connecticut (NAMI), 1030 New Britain Ave., Suite 201, West Hartford, CT 06110. To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com)

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**Tambling, Philip R.**

Philip R. Tambling, 85, of Glastonbury, beloved husband of Kathleen M. (Clark) Tambling, passed away peacefully Monday, August 15, 2022 at home. An only child, he was born on January 29, 1937 to Ruth & Philip A. Tambling. He grew up in North Canton Ohio. He spent most of his time either playing sports or caring for his disabled mother.

Phil was a kind, gentle and caring man, who loved his family deeply. He was extremely punctual and would often be heard saying, "if you're not early, you're late".

Phil enjoyed reading and discussing world events. He always had time to spend talking with others, especially about his favorite topic - politics. Since he took the time to become knowledgeable about the facts, he was always current on the latest topics.

Phil attended Muskingum University and obtained his bachelors of art degree before joining the Navy in 1960. While in the Navy, Phil met the love of his life, Kathleen M. Clark. The two were married in 1964 and were fortunate to spend 58 years together as a happy couple. Phil and Kathy were blessed with two children. Phil and Kathy had a wonderful life together full of family and amazing friends.

Phil was a man who took pride in his family, always making time for his wife, children and grandchildren. His only regret in life, was the passing of his daughter, Christine (Chrissy) B. Marineau at such an early age.

Phil is survived and will be missed by wife Kathy, his son and daughter-in-law Philip J. & Jaye D. Tambling, his grandchildren: Kayla B. Marineau, Paige E. Tambling and Jaret C. Tambling. His brother-in-law & wife, John "Big Jack" & Kathy Clark, and four nieces and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Monday August 22, at 10am in the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 2183 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial with military honors will be in Milford Cemetery at 1:00pm. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Sunday August 21 from 2-4pm. For online condolences please visit [www.mulryanh.com](http://www.mulryanh.com).

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Love,  
Jeff and Patty

**Mubarek, Khoury J.**

Khoury John Mubarek, 76, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, with his loving wife, Judith (Sander) Mubarek, by his side. Khoury and Judie would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this November. He was born June 5, 1946, in Hartford, to the late Edward and Jadwiga (Szydlo) Mubarek.

Khoury served in the U.S. Army. He was an accomplished salesman in the food industry, working most of his career with Nodine's Smokehouse and Bella Bella Gourmet Foods. Cooking for family and friends and umpiring softball were his two favorite things. He frequently asked his wife, "Who should we have over? And what should I cook?" He umpired girls' high school softball throughout the Northwest Corner and weekend softball tournaments for over 35 years.

In addition to his devoted wife, he leaves two cherished children, Sarah Mubarek of MA and Ed Mubarek of CA; three close sisters, Georgie Mubarek and Helena Mubarek, both next door neighbors in New Hartford, and Carlotta Jordan of NC; and many close cousins and dear friends.

Family and friends may call on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 5 Steele Road, New Hartford, from 2-4pm. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Visit the online guestbook at [montano-shea.com](http://montano-shea.com).

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## YARD GOATS COMMENTARY

# From head to toe, Veen has the makings of a star

HARTFORD — It's going to be hard for fans to take their eyes off Zac Veen in these final weeks of the minor league baseball season. Just try to look away, and his bright yellow Nikes will draw your eyes right back.

"I guess I just love colors that pop out at you," he said. "Just trying to be myself out there, and these are a good way to express myself. I consider myself very



Dom Amore

authentic."

If there's one thing an organization wants when it invests a high first-round draft pick and a

\$5 million bonus in a high school senior, as the Rockies did when they drafted Veen No. 9 in 2020, it's authenticity. Veen, 20, who was promoted to Double A last week to finish the season with the Yard Goats, is widely considered Colorado's No. 1 prospect, one of the best in all of baseball, and has so far shown that he's the real deal.

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Zac Veen, the Rockies' No. 1 prospect, is in Hartford to finish the season with the Yard Goats. At 20, he is on a fast track to the big leagues.

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The UConn receiving corps took a hit when it was announced that redshirt sophomore Cam Ross, expected to be a top target this season, would miss the season after breaking his foot during a weekend practice. STEPHEN DUNN/AP

## UCONN FOOTBALL

# WR Ross breaks foot, likely to miss season

By Joe Arruda

Hartford Courant

STORRS — Wednesday's UConn football media availability started out with sour news; another tough break for the Huskies. Head coach Jim Mora shared that Cam Ross, a redshirt sophomore who was expected to be a top receiver for the team, broke his foot and will likely miss the 2022 season.

Ross' injury came during Saturday's situational scrimmage. He caught a pass, his foot landed in awkward position and he rolled over it. Ross limped off the field Saturday, and sat in the back of the end zone with his left foot in a boot on Wednesday.

Ross broke his right foot after two games last season and was working his way back.

"You just feel so bad for the kid," Mora said, "it happened to him

last year and he worked so hard to get back. He was looking good, I think he was feeling confident, and it is his other foot. Obviously our prayers are with him and they'll get that thing fixed. Knowing Cam and his mindset, and his toughness and determination and character, he'll just put the work in and he'll come back and give it another go. So really tough deal for him and certainly a blow for the team."

Mora noted that Ross had devel-

oped into a strong leader for the team, and believes he will have a positive impact whether he plays or not.

Other receivers, like Dajon Harrison, a redshirt freshman who transferred in from the University of Texas, Aaron Turner and Darius Bush, have a similar body type to Ross and will likely fill in his role.

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## WNBA SUN

# Career builder

For Brionna Jones and the Sun, her journey has taken time, but it's been worth the wait

By Lila Bromberg

Hartford Courant

Brionna Jones couldn't help but break out into a wide smile as her Connecticut Sun teammates surrounded her from every angle. Jonquel Jones gave her a huge hug from behind while excitedly jumping up and down, Natisha Hiedeman clapped in her face, DeWanna Bonner danced with both hands in the air and Courtney Williams let out a series of celebratory shouts.

Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller had just announced that Jones had been named the WNBA Sixth Woman of the Year by the Associated Press before Tuesday's practice. The WNBA's official award will be announced next month, but if you've been paying any attention to the league this season it's clear that will also go to Jones.

Later that afternoon, Jones admits with a laugh that all the newfound attention over the last few years has felt a bit weird. She's not one to seek out personal recognition, the true definition of a player that puts the team before herself. The 2020 bubble season was when most people on the outside started taking notice, but that was just when all of her preparation met the right opportunity. Jones' quiet determination and work ethic has always been there, leading her from a shaky start to her college career to now cementing herself as a two-time WNBA All-Star who will lead the

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**No. 3 Connecticut Sun vs.**

**No. 6 Dallas Wings**

**Game 1:** Wings at Sun, today, 8 p.m., ESPNU, NBA TV

**Game 2:** Wings at Sun, Sunday, noon, ABC

**x-Game 3:** Sun at Wings, Wednesday, time, TV TBD

x-If necessary

# Slumping Yankees call up 3 prospects

By Kristie Ackert

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — In the middle of a horrific slide, the Yankees dipped into their prospect pool to try to find a spark. The Yankees called up Oswaldo Cabrera, Estevan Florial and Ron Marinaccio before Wednesday's game.

Clay Holmes was headed to the injured list with a back issue. The Yankees optioned Miguel Andujar and Tim Locastro.

Cabrera was making his big league debut against the Rays Wednesday night and Florial was starting in center.

Cabrera, 23, is hitting .269/.317/.412 with a .729 OPS, nine home runs and 13 stolen



Atlanta Braves infielder Sean Kazmar Jr., right, slides safely into third base during a spring training game as New York Yankees third baseman Oswaldo Cabrera, left, tries to make the tag in March 2019. Cabrera was called up to the majors by the Yankees. JOHN RAOUX/AP

bases this season. He's drawn 22 walks and struck out 57 times in 197 at-bats for Triple-A.

"Instinctual player," is how one American League scout described Cabrera. "Was always one of the more mature guys on the field."

The scout added that if the

power Cabrera flashed in the second half of last season shows up again in the majors he could be an everyday player on some major league teams. Cabrera finished with 29 home runs in 2021.

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## RED SOX

# After bullpen needs were ignored, Houck's injury prompts questions

By Jason Mastrodonato

Boston Herald

What did the Red Sox know about Tanner Houck's back injury and when did they know it?

That's one question to keep in mind as the local nine attempts to get back into the playoff race.

The Red Sox won again, 5-3 over the Pirates on Tuesday, and moved to within four games of a Wild Card spot.

Imagine if they had a lockdown bullpen.

It was fun to think about on Tuesday night, as Nick Pivetta tossed seven shutout innings, allowing just one hit (albeit against a Pirates lineup that NESN broadcaster Dennis Eckersley properly referred to as, "a hodge-podge of nothingness").

Still, it was an impressive performance, and it was the second straight game in which a Sox starter threw seven shutout innings, the first time that's happened in back-to-back games since 2014.

Michael Wacha looked just as sharp against the Yankees Sunday and now the Sox are feeling good about a rotation that includes Wacha, Pivetta, Nathan Eovaldi and Kutter Crawford.

The offense is still limping, although showing signs of improvement and doing a decent enough job manufacturing runs.

The bullpen?

Well, hopefully you turned the TV off after Pivetta exited with a 5-0 lead in the eighth inning Tuesday.

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**SCOREBOARD****SOCCER**

MLSL	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	3	9	48	45	19
CF Montreal	13	8	4	43	41	
New York City FC	12	6	42	45	27	
New York	10	8	7	37	38	31
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
New England	8	7	9	33	36	34
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Charlotte FC	9	14	2	29	57	48
Toronto FC	8	12	5	29	37	43
Atlanta	7	9	8	29	33	36
D.C. United	6	15	4	22	28	49
WESTERN				W	L	T
Los Angeles FC	18	4	3	57	54	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	10	7	9	39	38	28
Minnesota United	11	9	5	38	40	35
Real Salt Lake	10	8	7	37	33	34
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	13	2	32	32	31
Colorado	8	9	7	31	35	37
Vancouver	8	11	6	30	29	44
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

NY. Red Bulls at Atlanta, late  
New England at Toronto FC, late  
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, late  
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, late  
Colorado at Vancouver, late

**FRIDAY'S MATCH**

Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**

Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6 p.m.  
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.  
New England at CF Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto FC at Miami, 8 p.m.  
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**

Atlanta at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.  
New York City FC at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.  
FC Dallas at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 26**

Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8 p.m.  
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 27**

Houston at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.  
Miami at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7 p.m.  
Toronto FC at Charlotte FC, 7 p.m.  
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
CF Montreal at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.  
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.  
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULT**

Los Angeles FC 1, D.C. United 0

NWSL	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	14
Houston	7	4	4	25	26	17
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	4	5	23	22	18
Angel City	6	5	3	21	15	16
Orlando	4	5	6	18	17	30
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
Gotham FC	4	9	0	12	10	28
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULT**

Gotham FC at Houston, late

**FRIDAY'S MATCH**

Angel City at Kansas City, late

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**

Orlando at Gotham FC, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at North Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Houston at San Diego, 10 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24**

Portland at North Carolina, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 26**

OL Reign at Orlando, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 27**

Chicago at Louisville, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
San Diego at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Man City	2	2	0	6	0	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	6	2	6
Brentford	2	1	0	6	2	4
Tottenham	2	1	0	6	3	4
Newcastle	2	1	0	2	0	4
Leeds	2	1	0	4	3	4
Chelsea	2	1	0	3	2	4
Brighton	2	1	0	2	1	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	2	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	2
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	2	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	3	1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton, 7:30 a.m.  
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10 a.m.  
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 10 a.m.  
Fulham vs. Brentford, 10 a.m.  
Leicester vs. Southampton, 10 a.m.  
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 12:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**

Leeds vs. Chelsea, 9 a.m.  
West Ham vs. Brighton, 9 a.m.  
Newcastle vs. Man City, 11:30 a.m.

**MONDAY'S MATCH**

Man United vs. Liverpool, 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 27**

Southampton vs. Man United, 7:30 a.m.  
Brentford vs. Everton, 10 a.m.  
Brighton vs. Leeds, 10 a.m.  
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 10 a.m.  
Liverpool vs. Bournemouth, 10 a.m.  
Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.  
Arsenal vs. Fulham, 12:30 p.m.

**ODDS****MLB THURSDAY****NATIONAL LEAGUE**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at St. Louis	-10	Colorado	+176
LA Dodgers	off	at Milwaukee	off
at San Francisco	-154	Arizona	+130
at Atlanta	off	NY Mets	off
at San Diego	-375	Washington	+300

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

ATLANTA	TEXAS	DETROIT	CHICAGO
164	Oakland	+138	
-146	at Chi Wh. Sox	+124	
at NY Yankees	off	Toronto	off
at Tampa Bay	off	Kansas City	off

**INTERLEAGUE**

ATLANTA	DETROIT	CHICAGO	TEXAS
-152	Chi Cubs	+128	
off	Boston	off	

**ATLANTA**

ATLANTA	DETROIT	CHICAGO	TEXAS


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**SPORTS****UP NEXT**

**Patriots:** Preseason: Panthers, Friday, 7 p.m.  
**Giants:** Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.

**Jets:** Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.

**Red Sox:** at Pirates, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 4 p.m.

**Yankees:** Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Mets:** at Atlanta, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Phillies (2), Saturday, 1 & 7 p.m.

**Yard Goats:** New Hampshire, Thursday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Saturday, 6 p.m.

**Sun:** WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 1), Thursday, 8 p.m.; WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), Sunday, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD

**Hartford Athletic:** Miami, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.

**TV/RADIO****BASEBALL**

**1 p.m.:** 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Europe-Africa Region vs. Asia-Pacific Region. (Live) ESPN

**2 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

**3 p.m.:** 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Great Lakes Region vs. Midwest Region. (Live) ESPN

**5 p.m.:** 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Puerto Rico Region vs. Mexico Region. (Live) ESPN

**7 p.m.:** Boston Red Sox at Pittsburgh Pirates. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.

**7 p.m.:** Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.

**7 p.m.:** New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880.

**7 p.m.:** 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Mid-Atlantic Region vs. Southwest Region. (Live) ESPN2

**BASKETBALL**

**8 p.m.:** WNBA First Round: Dallas Wings at Connecticut Sun. (Live), ESPN, NBATV.

**10 p.m.:** WNBA Washington Mystics at Seattle Storm. (Live) ESPN2

**FOOTBALL**

**8 p.m.:** Chicago Bears at Seattle Seahawks. (Live) ESPN

**5:30 a.m.:** Brisbane Lions vs Melbourne Demons. (Live) FSI

**GOLF**  
**7 a.m.:** DP World Tour Golf D&D Real Czech Masters, First Round. (Live) GOLF

**12 p.m.:** U.S. Amateur, Round of 32. (Live) GOLF

**3 p.m.:** BMW Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF

**8 p.m.:** Albertsons Boise Open, First Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF

**HOCKEY**  
**10 a.m.:** St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche. (Taped) NHL

**11:30 a.m.:** St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche. (Taped) NHL

**12:30 p.m.:** Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues. (Taped) NHL

**2 p.m.:** Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues. (Taped) NHL

**3 p.m.:** St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche. (Taped) NHL

**4:30 p.m.:** Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues. (Taped) NHL

**LACROSSE**  
**2 p.m.:** 2022 World Lacrosse Men's U21 Championship First Semifinal. (Live) ESPNU

**RUGBY**  
**6 a.m.:** NRL Rugby South Sydney Rabbitohs vs Penrith Panthers. (Live) FSP

**2:30 p.m.:** Huddersfield Giants vs Castleford Tigers. (Live) FSP

**SOCCER**  
**7 p.m.:** Women's College Florida State at South Carolina. (Live) SEC

**8 p.m.:** Mexico Primera Division Soccer Santos Laguna vs León. (Live) FSI

**TENNIS**  
**11 a.m.:** ATP/WTA Tennis Cincinnati - Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS

**PATRIOTS**

# If Jones starts Friday, who gets the play calls?

By Nicole Yang  
 Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Patriots quarterback Mac Jones says he hopes to play in Friday's preseason game after sitting out the opener last week.

Few of New England's starters logged snaps against the Giants last Thursday, so it would be surprising if Jones and other offensive players did not play at least one series against Carolina Panthers coach Matt Rhule said he is expecting to face New England's starters, although he will field mainly second- and third-stringers.

If Jones does see some action, one big question is: Who will be calling the plays?

Senior football adviser Matt Patricia and offensive assistant Joe Judge traded off the responsibility in the opener, with Patricia calling plays for veteran Brian Hoyer and Judge doing so for rookie Bailey Zappe.

Coach Bill Belichick has remained tight-lipped about the regular-season plan for an offensive play-caller, saying only that the team is going through "a process."

Asked if he expects Patricia, the leading candidate, to call the plays moving forward, Jones deferred to Belichick.

"At the end of the day, I'm going to do whatever they tell me to do and do it to the best of my ability," Jones said. "As is everybody on the offensive line and the skill players."

With no official offensive coordinator, the play-calling duties have been split primarily between Patricia and Judge, though Belichick has taken over at points as well.

Wide receiver Nelson Agholor said that Patricia and Judge both do a great job with preparing the offense, so he is comfortable



Quarterback Mac Jones runs drills as the Patriots hold a joint practice with the Panthers on Wednesday in Foxborough, Massachusetts. STUART CAHILL/BOSTON HERALD

with either.

Players have remained vague on the details of the coaching setup, but many have stressed the importance of a collaborative environment.

"Whoever's calling it, it's our job to execute," Jones said. "I think the communication has been really good."

**More fights, fan injured:**

A day after a pair of fights resulted in five players being kicked out of the first joint practice between the Panthers and Patriots, two more incidents — including one in which a female fan was struck after a scrum spilled into the spectator area — nearly brought an end to Wednesday's practice session.

"Number one, my thoughts are with the woman that was hurt over there. I'm hoping that she's OK," Panthers coach Matt Rhule said after practice. "I don't have any update on her, but I'm hoping she's OK."

The first dust-up occurred during a kickoff return drill after Panthers safety Kenny Robinson — one of the players ejected in Tuesday's tussles — laid a big hit on Patriots receiver Kristian Wilkerson and stood over him, taunting

him. Several of Wilkerson's teammates, including special teams captain Matt Slater, took issue with it and it led to some brief pushing and shoving.

Wilkerson remained down as he was attended to by the training staff. He eventually made his way to a cart before being driven off. Slater said afterward that Wilkerson was being evaluated "off site" because of his injuries.

"That's cause for concern," Slater said. "We're not going to sit here and celebrate those type of plays. That's not how we're going to do it.... Look, I ain't fighting. I got four kids, my wife's out here. What I look like? I'm 36 years old. I'm not throwing a punch."

"But when you have a teammate who is hit, he's down. There's clearly symptoms of what has happened to him. We all know what they look like as football players. He's demonstrating those symptoms and then you have players celebrating those acts, I take an issue with that."

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

**GIANTS**

# Taylor could get 1st-team reps at QB in preseason

By Pat Leonard  
 New York Daily News

after four unsuccessful 11-on-11 snaps. Jones went right back in and started the preseason opener at New England.

Jones completed 6 of 10 passes for 69 yards, ran once for 6 yards, and led the Giants to three points against a combination of Patriots first- and second-teamers on defense.

Taylor completed 13 of 21 passes for 129 yards and a touchdown, and rushed once for 2 yards, against New England's backups.

Daboll said after the game that "there was some good and some things we could have back" with Jones' first-team offense.

He also said Jones' throw to Kenny Golladay on a third-down incompletion in the red zone was "a little bit low" and "you'd like the accuracy to be exactly where you want it."

Jones, 25, spent about 20 minutes after Monday's practice on the field with several receivers working on fade routes in the end zone.

The Giants host the Cincinnati Bengals in their second preseason game Sunday at MetLife Stadium. Daboll said he will play his starters for a second straight game.

The Bengals will be sitting their top guys.

Taylor, 33, came off as confident and poised when he addressed the media early in training camp.

"I know what I'm capable of doing in any setting," he said in early August, "and I think I've proved that every time I've had a chance to play."

## Jets' Brown aims to prove he's still a top-notch tackle

Associated Press

tle while being selected for his fifth all-star game.

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Duane Brown was simply exploring his job prospects two weeks ago, visiting the New York Jets to see if they might be a good fit.

A few days later, right tackle Mekhi Becton went down with a season-ending knee injury — and signing Brown suddenly became a priority for the Jets.

"Everything happened quickly," Brown said Tuesday. "I didn't know for sure if I was going to come here. I had some other options."

But for the Jets, Brown was THE option.

Now, after signing a two-year deal worth \$22 million on Monday, Brown is slated to be New York's starting left tackle this season.

"The quarterback is the No. 1 guy you're trying to protect," coach Robert Saleh said. "Duane has been there, he's done that. He's still playing at a very high level. Even last year with Seattle, playing at a high level. He brings a wealth of experience, he's played in the system, so he's knows what to expect, so there shouldn't be that much of a learning curve for him."

First, Brown needs to get on the practice field. He has been working with the trainers during his first few practices with the Jets, but offensive line coach John Benton said the hope is for Brown to begin practicing later this week.

Brown, who turns 37 on Aug. 30, knows what he needs to do to get himself in playing shape by the season opener on Sept. 11 against Baltimore. He's also confident that even in his 15th season he can play at a Pro Bowl-caliber level — just as he did last season with Seat-

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**BASEBALL****AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	72	45	.615	—	—	2-8	L-3	41-17	31-28
Tampa Bay	62	53	.539	9	+ 1/2	6-4	W-4	35-22	27-31
Toronto	62	54	.534	9 1/2	—	3-7	W-1	36-25	26-29
Baltimore	61	56	.521	11	1 1/2	5-5	L-1	33-21	28-35
Boston	58	59	.496	14	4 1/2	5-5	W-2	29-30	29-29
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	62	55	.530	—	—	7-3	L-2	30-24	32-31
Minnesota	61	55	.526	1/2	1	5-5	W-3	34-25	27-30
Chicago	61	56	.521	1	1 1/2	7-3	W-5	30-29	31-27
Kansas City	48	71	.403	15	15 1/2	4-6	L-3	29-34	19-37
Detroit	45	74	.378	18	18 1/2	2-8	W-2	26-33	19-41
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	75	43	.636	—	—	5-5	L-2	39-18	36-25
Seattle	64	54	.542	11	+1	6-4	W-2	31-26	33-28
Texas	52	64	.448	22	10	5-5	L-1	26-33	26-31
Los Angeles	51	66	.436	23 1/2	11 1/2	6-4	L-2	26-35	25-31
Oakland	42	75	.359	32 1/2	20 1/2	1-9	W-1	17-38	25-37

**BOX SCORES****CHI. CUBS 3, WASHINGTON 2**

Chi Cubs AB R H BI SO AVG

McKinstry 2b	4	0	1	0	3	.367
Hoerner ss	3	0	1	0	1	.304
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	.241
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	1	.278
Reyes dh	4	2	0	0	0	.367
Ortega cf	1	1	0	0	0	.227
a-Velazquez cf	2	0	0	0	2	.243
Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.219
Gomes c	3	0	1	1	0	.232
Higgins 1b	3	1	2	1	2	.283
Totals	32	5	5	3	11	
Washington AB R H BI SO AVG	32	6	2	6	0	

Thomas cf 4 0 2 0 0 .234

Meneses rf 4 1 1 0 0 .347

Voit 1b 4 0 1 0 1 .226

Cruz dh 3 0 0 1 2 .237

b-Hernandez 1 0 0 0 0 .272

Ruiz c 4 1 1 0 0 .244

Hernandez 2b 4 0 1 1 0 .247

Abrams ss 2 0 0 0 2 .221

Call lf 3 0 0 0 1 .000

Vargas 3b 3 0 0 0 0 .250

Totals 32 6 2 6 0

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a-struck out for Ortega in the 7th.

b-flied out for Cruz in the 9th.

LOB: Chicago 4, Washington 4.

2B: Reyes 2(3), Ruiz 19, Thomas 2 (19), Meneses 1, HR: Higgins 6, off Abbott.

RBIs: Higgins 2(20), Gomes (17), Hernandez (26), Cruz (58).

SB: McKinstry 2, Abrams (2).

CS: Hernandez (3).

Runners left in scoring position: Chi 2 (Happ, Gomes); Was 3 (Voit 2, Call).

RISP: Chicago 1 for 7; Washington 2 for 8.

Runners moved up: Meneses.

CHI CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Smyly 5/6 4 2 0 0 3 .67

Uelmen, W-1 2/3 1 0 0 0 0 .338

Brautigam, H-1 2 1 0 0 2 0 .000

Wick, S-8 1/1 1 0 0 0 0 .414

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Abbott 6 3 2 2 1 5 .516

McGee, L-1 3/5 1 1 0 1 2 6.67

Cishek 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 .375

Ramirez 2 0 1 0 0 1 4 .336

Pitches-Strikes: Smyly 100-69; Uelmen 8-7; Brautigam 27-18; Wick 14-11; Abbott 83-57; McGee 11-7; Cishek 10-5; Ramirez 28-19.

Batters Faced: Smyly 20; Uelmen 3; Brautigam 7; Wick 3; Abbott 22; McGee 3; Cishek 2; Ramirez 7.

Inherited runners-scored: Uelmen 1-1, Cishek 1-1. HBP: Smyly (Abrams).

WP: Brautigam, Abbott.

Umpires: Home, Jansen Visconti; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Jerry Meals.

Time: 2:56. A: 28,302(41,339).

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**LATE TUESDAY: BALTIMORE 4, TORONTO 2**

Baltimore AB R H BI SO AVG

Mullins cf 5 1 1 1 0 .263

Rutschman c 4 2 1 2 1 .250

Santander dh 4 0 0 0 2 .259

Mountcastle 1b5 0 0 0 1 .250

Vavra lf 2 0 0 0 1 .278

Hays rf 1 0 0 0 0 .255

Odor 2b 4 0 1 0 1 .206

Urias 3b 4 1 2 1 1 .247

Mateo ss 3 0 0 0 1 0 .230

McKenna rf-ff 3 0 1 1 0 .273

Totals 35 4 7 4 8

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Toronto 200 000 000 — 2 7 3

a-grounded out for Bradley Jr. in the 7th. E: Mateo (15), Guerrero Jr. (5), Bradley Jr. (1), Hernandez (4).

LOB: Baltimore 9, Toronto 4.

2B: Gurriel Jr. (28).

HR: Mullins (11), off Manoah; Rutschman (7), off Manoah; Guerrero Jr. (25), off Kremer.

RBIs: Mullins (4), Rutschman (23), Urias (43), McKenna (11), Guerrero Jr. (2 (72). SB: Mullins (5). CS: Espinal (4).

Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 4(Mountcastle, Santander, Mullins 2); Toronto 2(Bradley Jr.).

RISP: Baltimore 2 for 6; Toronto 0 for 2.

Runners moved up: Odor.

GIDP: Chapman. DP: Baltimore 1 (Mateo, Odor, Mountcastle).

Baltimore IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Kremer, W-5-4 7 2 2 1 6 3.58

Tate, H-13 1 0 0 0 0 0 2.44

Bautista, S-7-8 1 0 0 0 0 2 1.62

Toronto IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Abbott 5/6 4 4 4 4 6 2.71

Bass 1/6 1 0 0 0 1 2.9

Cimber 1 1 0 0 0 0 3.04

Phipps 1 1 0 0 0 1 2.53

Baltimore IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Kremer, W-5-4 4 4 4 4 6 2.71

Tate, H-13 1 0 0 0 0 2.44

Bautista, S-7-8 1 0 0 0 0 2.162

Toronto IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Abbott 5/6 4 4 4 4 6 2.71

Bass 1/6 1 0 0 0 1 2.9

Cimber 1 1 0 0 0 0 3.04

Phipps 1 1 0 0 0 1 2.53

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## SPORTS

BASEBALL LATE  
TUESDAYArozarena's  
early homer  
sends Rays  
past skidding  
Yankees 3-1

Staff and Wire Reports

Randy Arozarena hit a three-run homer off Nestor Cortes in the first inning and the Tampa Bay staff made it stand up, leading the Rays over the skidding New York Yankees 3-1 Tuesday night.

Starter Jeffrey Springs (5-3) and four relievers combined on a four-hitter, and the crowd of 41,083 at Yankee Stadium booted their AL East leaders at times. The Yankees have lost 11 of 13 and are 8-17 since reaching the All-Star break at 64-28.

Tampa Bay got only four hits while winning its fourth straight and closing within nine games of the Yankees — New York's smallest margin since also being nine ahead on June 15. The Rays trailed by 15 1/2 games after getting swept at Cincinnati July 8-10.

New York lost its fifth straight series and was held to three runs or less for the seventh straight game.

New York avoided being blanked in three straight games for the first time since 2016 when Andrew Benintendi tripled in the fifth and scored on a fielding error by third baseman Yandy Diaz on a grounder by Miguel Andujar.

**Braves 5, Mets 0:** At Atlanta, Charlie Morton was dominant on the mound, Matt Olson and Robbie Grossman went deep, and the Braves won their eighth straight game.

After dropping four of five in New York less than two weeks ago, the Braves haven't lost since. They made it two in a row over the Mets at Truist Park, pulling within 3 1/2 games of the division leaders.

New York has been outscored 18-1 at the midway point of the four-game series.

**Red Sox 5, Pirates 3:** At Pittsburgh, Nick Pivetta pitched one-hit ball over seven shutout innings for his first win since June 24, and the Boston Red Sox scored four runs in the first inning.

The Pirates' only hit off Pivetta came on Ben Gamel's two-out single in the first inning on a soft liner to left-center. Pivetta (9-9) struck out six and walked three while throwing 99 pitches and retiring his last nine batters. In his previous eight starts, Pivetta had gone 0-4 with a 7.24 ERA.

## Eastern League

**Fisher Cats 5, Yard Goats 1:** At Hartford, Orelvis Martinez hit a pair of home runs — including a two-run shot in the first inning — to lead New Hampshire to the Eastern League Northeast Division win at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

Grant Lavigne's tripled and scored on an error in the sixth for the Yard Goats' lone run. Noah Gotsis (4-4) was the starter and loser for Hartford (63-45), allowing two runs on three hits in five innings.

## METS

## Fans, it's time for Brett Baty

By Matthew Roberson  
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — The day has finally come.

It didn't happen earlier in the season as Dom Smith and J.D. Davis failed to make much of an impact at the designated hitter spot, and it didn't happen at the trade deadline, when the Mets' front office pilfered Daniel Vogelbach and Darin Ruf instead of promoting someone in-house.

That long-awaited promotion is upon us now, as the Mets are calling up 2019 first-round pick Brett Baty, per reports. General manager Billy Eppler and manager Buck Showalter had insisted that Baty would not be part of the picture anytime soon — Showalter as recently as Monday — but injuries forced their hand.

INFILDEERS Luis Guillorme (groin strain) and Eduardo Escobar (oblique strain) suffered injuries within the past seven days, and Guillorme's was severe enough to put him on the injured list. A groin malady of that caliber, per the Mets, could cause Guillorme to miss up to six weeks. Baty has dabbled in left field during his minor league career but is primarily a third baseman.

Baty was the 12th overall pick in his draft year and is the Mets' second-ranked prospect according to MLB.com, behind only catcher prodigy Francisco Alvarez. He is the 18th-best prospect in the world according to the same rankings. While his call up isn't official yet, Baty's social media would seem to indicate that someone has broken the news to him already. His official Twitter account has liked several posts congratulating him on ascending to the big leagues. He is expected to be activated for Wednesday's game in Atlanta, with a trip to the IL perhaps coming for Escobar.

Now being asked to contribute to a first-place team, and one that's weath-



Brett Baty of the National League Futures Team bats against the American League Futures Team at Coors Field on July 11, 2021 in Denver. **DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY**

ering its first troubling

storm of the season, Baty is still just 22 years old. He has, though, been one of the best hitters at any level of the minor leagues this season. He started his year with the Double-A Binghamton Rumble Ponies and lived up to the team's fearsome name. Baty played 89 games at Double-A and made 394 plate appearances. Over 11% of those resulted in a walk and over 40% of them ended with Baty getting on-base. His .312/.406/.544 slash line for the Ponies makes it clear why he was shuttled along to Triple-A Syracuse.

In a microscopic, six-game sample at Syra-

cuse, Baty went 8-for-22 (.364) and drew three walks while striking out six times. He did not play in Syracuse's Tuesday night game in Charlotte, which is a quick and easy commute to Atlanta. All eight of his Triple-A hits were singles. It's Baty's raw power, though, that the Mets hope will carry him to a prolific MLB career. His 19 home runs in 89 games at Double-A showed that the left-handed hitter was perhaps more ready for the big time than his organization initially expected.

On a Zoom call discussing the trade deadline, during which he did not

ship out any of the Mets' top prospects, Eppler said,

"Once you have success at Double-A, you kind of physically know you're able to play in the major leagues." Triple-A, then, is often used as a final polishing stage, one where young hitters can be exposed to several pitchers who have already pitched in the major leagues. If Double-A is the physical test, Triple-A is the mental one. Baty had an extremely limited look at Triple-A pitchers, but there's no time for the Mets to gripe about that now.

Somebody has to play

third base, and with all due respect to Deven Marrero, the 31-year-old who is fairly fresh out of an independent league, he is not the man for the job.

Baty might not be either, at least right now, but the club has the luxury of knowing his performance won't be the difference between making and missing the playoffs.

The Mets have put themselves in an enviable position of power. They still lead the National League East by 3.5 games entering Wednesday night's contest, own the second-best record in the majors and have a 100% chance of making the postseason according to FanGraphs' playoff odds.

## Yankees

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Florial, the 24-year-old former top prospect who has power and speed, is hitting .286/.368/.490 in Triple-A with an .858 OPS, 32 stolen bases and 14 homers in 89 games. Florial, who has had issues with pitch recognition in the past, has struck out 124 times in 353 at-bats and drawn 45 walks. Florial has hit .206/.325/.353 with a .678 OPS, a home run and two stolen bases in 40 major league plate appearances.

The scout who saw him this year thought that Florial had shown significant improvements in his at-bats, particularly with pitch recognition.

"His (at-bats) were significantly more competitive," the scout said.

Aaron Boone has had plenty of chances to see Florial and said the Yankees have been waiting for him to show some more consistency.

"I think it's really fine in that consistency at the highest levels," Boone said. "He's dealt with some injuries that in different years,

have probably slowed his development a little bit. I think this is the best year he's had in a while where he's been mostly healthy and to put up a productive, really productive offensive season that kind of matches up with, you know, the skill set and the tools that he's always flashed us. And I feel like even in his short stints with us over the years, even in years where he hasn't had the kind of year he's happened to this year, he's represented well."

"You see it this year, I think he's mostly been healthy and put that season together at a higher level in the minor leagues and hopefully that's something that is a sign of him, you know, getting ready to knock in a breakthrough."

Meanwhile, as the losses pile up, some players say the losing streak will be good for them.

The Yankees walked off the field Tuesday night to some surprisingly loud boos. Most fans turned their backs Tuesday night and walked out long before Frank Sinatra began to sing.

But inside the clubhouse there is a firm belief that everything is going to be all right.

## Red Sox

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Don't shoot the messenger, but the Red Sox are carrying just a single lefty in the bullpen right now, and it's Austin Davis, who entered the game with an 8.44 ERA over his last 20 appearances.

Davis was the choice to replace Pivetta on Tuesday. He was asked to protect a five-run lead well enough that Cora didn't have to use John Schreiber, his only healthy and available lock-down reliever.

Whoops.

Davis made a mess of it and loaded the bases, forcing Cora to bring Schreiber into the game. The sidewinder looked dominant until he got two strikes on Ben Gamel, then mistakenly threw him a lollipop slider that Gamel rightly pummeled into the gap for a three-run double.

Schreiber needed 12 pitches to get out of the eighth and at that point Cora felt like another change was needed.

Garrett Whitlock? Nope.

He threw three innings in the Yankees series over the weekend and needed

another day off.

Houck? Nope. He's been out with a back injury that has been kept mysteriously vague.

The choice was former closer Matt Barnes, who has an ERA near the moon since last July, but over the last week has submitted back-to-back-to-back impressive outings. He struck out two for a scoreless ninth on Tuesday and the Sox were shaking hands.

So what's the fuss about Houck's back injury on a night the Red Sox won a game?

Well, if Whitlock isn't available on Wednesday and needs another day of rest — Cora has been mostly conservative with Whitlock since he returned from a long stint on the injured list — who will be? Where do the Sox go from here?

This is why it remains a head scratcher that the Sox felt compelled to not only add Eric Hosmer and Tommy Pham at the trade deadline, but ignore the bullpen needs altogether.

Worse, they shortened their pen, trading Jake Diekman to the White Sox for backup catcher Reese McGuire, who they needed because — wait for it —

they traded their starting catcher, Christian Vazquez, for prospects.

Cora was starting to use Diekman as his primary lefty, ever since Matt Strahm went on the injured list. Strahm has just started rehabbing and could be back soon, but he hasn't pitched since July 12.

Yes, the trade deadline was two weeks ago. But it's still relevant when Cora has not a single lefty he can trust, and when his reliable options seem to be getting thinner by the night.

It should've been an easy, breezy 5-0 victory on Tuesday. Instead, Cora had to burn his two best available relievers and who knows what Wednesday will bring?

That brings us back to Houck, who on Aug. 10, told us that he's been dealing with a back injury "through a long period."

How long?

"A little while now," he said. "I can't put an exact date on it. It's just been one of those things where it's been nagging for a while but for long-term health, probably better to miss a few days now versus months or a year or whatever it is."

## LOCAL SCOREBOARD

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## CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

## TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

## CTL Playoffs — At Muzzy Field, Bristol

## Elimination Bracket — Final

## Rockies 1, Dodgers 0

## Championship — Best-of-3

## Game 1

## No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 1 Black Sox, late

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

## CTL Playoffs — At Muzzy Field, Bristol

## Championship — Best-of-3

## Game 2

## No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 1 Black Sox, late

## Game 3 (if necessary)

## No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 1 Black Sox, late

## GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

## TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT

## GHTL Playoffs — Championship

## (Game 2)

## At Palmer Field, Middletown

## Jets 5, Orioles 4

## EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

## TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

## Harrisburg 5, Hartford 1

## Harrisburg 2, Altoona 2

## Akrton 5, Erie 1

## Binghamton 8, Richmond 2

## Somerset 2, Bowie 1

## Reading 8, Portland 2

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**SPORTS****Jones**

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Sun into the WNBA playoffs in search of the franchise's first championship.

Connecticut opens the three-game, opening-round series against the Dallas Wings on Thursday at 8 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena.

"For me it's just knowing that all that work I was putting in didn't go to waste," Jones told The Courant. "I was ready when the time came. It was just staying consistent and not relaxing and not giving up on myself."

**The injury that paved the way**

Brionna Jones had a lot of doubts entering her freshman year at the University of Maryland. She tore her right ACL in January of her senior season of high school and was still early in the recovery process when she arrived on campus.

"I didn't know how I was going to fit in," Jones said. "How I was going to be able to play there, how I was going to be able to come back and be the same person I was."

"By no means was it easy for her," said Sun teammate Alyssa Thomas, who was a senior at the time. "They definitely put her through it. And she did everything. She never complained."

Many players in Jones' position would have taken a redshirt year or gotten stuck with a role at the end of the bench, but she didn't see that as an option. So she approached Maryland's coaching staff and told them she'd do whatever she needed to do to get back in shape and have a chance to play.

That's when Jones' competitive nature really kicked in. She could often be found in the weight room 5 a.m. each morning. Then she'd participate in the team conditioning workout, followed by practice and lifting. After that came ACL rehab, and she often sneaked in extra cardio at some point too.

That freshman season, Jones averaged 6.9 points and 4.5 rebounds in 16.2 minutes per game as the Terps went on a Final Four run. With Jones playing a much bigger role, they accomplished the same feat the following year. She led the country in field goal percentage in back-to-back seasons to end her college career (66.6% in 2015-16 and 69% in 2016-17), culminating with a senior year where she averaged 19.9 points, 10.9 rebounds, 1.6 blocks and 1.5 assists per game while playing alongside Stephanie.

Still, Jones' future was unclear: She was one of three players on the team studying pre-med, and as she gained more attention and the WNBA started to look more like a realistic possibility she was faced with a decision: Go to medical school and become a doctor or play professional basketball? She chose the latter.

**Adjusting to the WNBA**

The Connecticut Sun didn't necessarily need to add frontcourt depth from the 2017 WNBA Draft. The franchise had just selected Jonquel Jones the year prior and had several other options down low. But when Miller and his staff found themselves on the clock with the eighth pick, the right decision was clear.

Though Jones was somewhat undersized at 6 feet 3, Miller believed her efficiency and elite finishing ability could translate to the next level. But it was more than just that. He'd watched and admired how she steadily improved throughout her Maryland career.

"We didn't think she had reached her ceiling," Miller said. "She was clearly the best available player on the board and we couldn't pass her up."

Though a daunting task lay ahead with finding her footing in the WNBA, Jones told herself it couldn't possibly be as hard as everything she went through her freshman year.

Still, the adjustment wasn't easy. All the players around her were taller, faster and stronger, and it took her a few years to determine

how best to fit her game into the Sun's offensive flow. She took a similar approach as she did in college, going out of her way to talk with trainers and coaches about what she needed to do on and off the court to make the jump.

Jones saw limited time on the court through her first three seasons. She averaged 6.4 minutes per game in 2017, 9.0 in 2018 and 8.4 in 2019. With all the work she was putting in, Miller sensed Jones was ready for a breakout season as soon as 2019. But the Sun had a ton of returning starters and the minutes just weren't there for the taking.

The chance Jones needed to develop and gain more confidence in her ability to play as a pro came overseas. She signed with USK Praha in the Czech Republic for the 2019-20 offseason, joining forces with Thomas. Having a longtime teammate in her ear providing encouragement and insight was a huge help, and averaging 15.6 points, 8.1 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.4 steals in 24.9 minutes per game was the reassurance Jones needed.

Then came the opportunity in the WNBA. Jonquel Jones opted out of the 2020 bubble season due to concerns over COVID-19, leaving the Sun with a hole to fill in the frontcourt.

"When we found out, I had a conversation with Curt and he was like, 'Yeah, we're gonna need you this season. You're gonna step up,'" Brionna Jones recalled. "So after that conversation, I was like, 'Well, I just need to come ready.'"

Jarred Jones, who played college basketball for the Loyola (Md.) Greyhounds, could sense that mindset switch in his younger sister. The four siblings were quarantining and training together at their mom's house at the time. They went on runs and did agility work, even setting up cones in the backyard for Bri to work on getting her feet faster. Footwork had always been a huge part of her game, but she wanted to push herself to another level so she could better switch out on guards. She and Steph did yoga nearly every day as well.

All the hard work came to fruition in the bubble. Brionna started all 21 of the Sun's games and averaged 11.2 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.7 steals and 1 assist per game. She also shot 60.5% from the field, which led the entire WNBA.

"She had that motivation like, 'OK, this is my time to show what I'm made of,'" Jarred said. "You could definitely see the determination, kind of ready for the moment type of idea."

**A Sixth Woman of Year-worthy season**

With the shot clock winding down in overtime of the Connecticut Sun's game against the Washington Mystics on July 3, Natasha Cloud drove into the paint looking to tie things up.

Brionna Jones was on full alert as the opposing guard backed down Hiedeman. Determined not to let a win slip away, she ran over from the weakside and swatted away Cloud's shot from behind. But as her teammates and the home crowd erupted around her, Jones simply shrugged it off like it was nothing.

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**TENNIS****Venus Williams gets wild-card spot in US Open**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams will be back in the U.S. Open this year after being given a wild card on Wednesday into what could be younger sister Serena's final tournament.

Venus Williams won back-to-back U.S. Opens in 2000 and 2001, and this year marks 25 years since she reached the 1997 final

in Flushing Meadows as a 17-year-old in her first full season on tour.

Now 42, Williams did not play in the U.S. Open last year because of injury, but the seven-time Grand Slam singles champion recently returned to tour after missing nearly a year.

Serena Williams, 40, recently said she is preparing to leave tennis, though she did not specify

it would come after the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29.

Dominic Thiem, the 2020 U.S. Open men's champion who has since dealt with injuries and fallen to No. 228 in the world ranking, also was granted a wild card by the U.S. Tennis Association.

The USTA also gave a wild card to Sofia Kenin, the 2020 Australian Open

champion who didn't compete in New York last year because of injury, along with fellow Americans CoCo Vandeweghe, Elizabeth Mandlik, Peyton Stearns and Eleana Yu.

Harmony Tan of France — who beat Serena Williams during a run to the fourth round at Wimbledon — and Australian Jaimee Fourlis also received wild cards.

**UCONN FOOTBALL NOTES****Mora knows season opener in Utah is no 'warmup game'**By Joe Arruda  
Hartford Courant

When UConn football head coach Jim Mora looked at the team's 2022 schedule, his first thought was: 'Hey, where's our warmup game?'

Mora, used to having preseason games while coaching at the NFL level, won't get that luxury at UConn this season. The Huskies will fly straight into the fire with a game at Utah State to open the season on Aug. 27. The Aggies received votes in both the AP preseason Top 25 and the USA Today coaches poll after finishing 11-3 and winning the Mountain West Conference last season.

"And then I realized, you know what, we're *their* warmup game," Mora said. "So they're looking at us as just kind of fodder."

*Fodder: food like dried hay or feed given to cattle.*

The Aggies play top-ranked Alabama on Sept. 3, a week after hosting UConn.

Utah State is one of four teams on UConn's schedule that received votes in the AP Top 25. The others: Michigan (No. 8), North Carolina State (No. 13) and Fresno State (32 votes).

"Bring 'em on," Mora said. "Put the ball down and let's play."

"If you're a true compet-

itor, you want to judge yourself against the best. (We've) got a whole locker room full of true competitors in there. Put it down and let's play. And let's see where we stand at the end of the game," Mora said after Wednesday's practice.

Like coaches throughout the country, Mora doesn't know any more than what he has seen in practice and in meetings to this point. He is happy with the energy and confidence the team has displayed through its 16 fall practices.

"But until we're in live action, it's still an unknown," he said. "I have a good feeling about where we are, and I think we'll react correctly because I think we've built something here in the last six months that we'll be able to weather some adversity and handle some success."

I don't think we'll have cracks, but it's not until you

go out and you really experience them in a live situation that you truly know."

One thing Mora knows now is that Las Vegas has the Huskies as 27.5-point underdogs against Utah State. His wife broke the news and it stuck with him.

"I've never been a 27-point underdog in my life," Mora said, "and I'm not really happy about it."

He doesn't fixate on it, but he knows it's there. Mora noted that he is not the type to be motivated by outside influences, he'd rather motivate his team by trying to be the best. He's never paid attention to the betting line, nor will he ever place a bet.

"I don't really want to know that stuff. That's not the world that I live in, I'm just trying to win the next down," Mora said. "I don't necessarily like it. I understand it — [Utah State] is a top 25 team, man. They

were 11-3, they lit it up on offense last year. They kicked the dog out of some really good teams, they were in the [Jimmy Kimmel LA] bowl game and played Oregon State — a good Pac-12 team — and got after them." (Utah State won, 24-13).

"We don't know what we are yet. So I understand it," Mora said. "And we'll find out."

**Starting quarterback decision to be kept 'close to the vest':** The air is finally starting to clear surrounding the UConn quarterback competition, but the starter won't be announced prior to the Week Zero date with Utah State. The team is in a position now where Mora and staff are "getting really ready to make a decision."

"This first couple of weeks you're just preparing for practice," Mora said, "but now we're preparing for a game. So being able to take what you learn in a meeting and really apply it out on the field an hour later, and really master it, that's also part of the evaluation process."

He continued, "It only makes sense from a competitive advantage for us to not let Utah State know who's gonna play quarterback. Now, they don't have any film on these guys anyway, but I'm still going to play it close to the vest."

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"It obviously means that you take a guy that's playing one position and move him to another. So now KC (Kevins Clercius) has to raise his game. Nigel (Fitzgerald) has to raise his game," Mora said.

"Kylish Hicks, who's a freshman who's been out most of camp with that the

hamstring. He was a guy we have high hopes for, we're gonna have to just get him working back into it. As soon as he's cleared maybe he can become a guy as well."

When Ross was out last season it was Keelan Marion and Aaron Turner who carried most of the receiving load, they are both on the 2022 roster. Marion has stood out so far in camp.

Ross caught eight passes for 60 yards and returned two punts for 22 yards in two games prior to his injury in 2021. He was the team's leading receiver as a true freshman in 2019 with 60 catches and 723 receiving yards.

Ross was ranked fifth among freshmen in receiving yards and was selected as an Honorable Mention All-American by Pro Football Focus.

"It's heartbreaking for the kid," Mora said, "he's such a good person and like I said, he's worked so hard to get back. You never want to sound insensitive to those things because we're not, but it is part of this game and we have to be able to adjust as a team. And his presence will still be felt as a leader on this team. Regardless if he's on the field with us during practice or not. He'll be there with us helping us."

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"He's a special kid," Goats manager Chris Denorfia said, "and we're hoping for some big things from him."

Veen, who played most of this season at Class A Spokane, settled into his downtown digs on Monday, and took a walk around Hartford. Then on Tuesday, he walked to the ballpark, the nicest, he said, he's ever played in. He went 0-for-4 in his Dunkin' Donuts Park debut, the Goats losing to New Hampshire to start the six-game homestand in front of a sellout crowd, but he'll have 30 games left this year, and probably the first half of next season in Hartford, to adjust to a league in which he is nearly four years younger than the Sun's.

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Denorfia, an ex-major leaguer who was 24 when he was establishing himself in Double A in 2004. You're dealing with some more advanced guys, you're going to see some guys who've had some big league time. As a 20-year old, I don't think I would have been ready for this.

It's a maturity level of learning how to take care of yourself, live your life like an adult, while learning how to do something that's really hard to do."

Veen, at 6 feet 4 and 195 pounds, is a long, lanky lefthanded batter with a pretty, flowing swing and flowing hair behind him. He has leverage and when he fills out more power will come. If he doesn't lose his base-stealer's speed along the way, he could be a five-tool major leaguer. Veen lists Juan Soto and Bryce Harper as lefty hitters he loves to watch. Comps are unfair, but fun, and a young, raw Darryl Strawberry comes to mind, or if you're not that old, Cody Bellinger or Christian Yelich.

"He's such an interesting, exciting player and he's a lot of fun to be around," Scott Little, who managed Veen at Spokane, told reporters there. "He plays the game right. He's a great person who [is] his own deal, his own cat, you know? But it's beautiful. And he's a lot of fun to be

around."

Veen, from Port Orange, Fla., got his start playing baseball at age 4.

"My dad put me in front of a pitching machine and I just got after it," he said. "Stuck with it, loved it since. Played football and basketball here and there, but once I got to high school I just stuck with baseball and I got the idea I wanted to do this for the rest of my life."

Veen hit .500, slugged .627 his senior year at Spruce Creek High, and by then had forged a friendship with a past Rockies first-round pick, Brendan Rodgers, who came through Hartford on his way to the majors. Veen, the Gatorade Player of the Year and the top-rated recruit, was committed to the University of Florida before being drafted too high by the Rockies to bypass turning pro.

"Toward the end of my high school career I started to realize I could probably do this as my job and that this was my calling," Veen said. "[Draft day] was one of the most memorable days for me, a great experience with my family. I'll always remember that day."

So far, each level has looked easy for Veen. He hit .301 with 15 homers, 75 RBI at the first run, Fresno, in 2021, with 36 steals in 53 attempts.

Moving up to Advanced Class A at Spokane, he was hitting .266 with 11 homers and 60 RBI, and this time 50 steals in 56 attempts. He got two hits in the Futures Game at Dodger Stadium, punching above his weight as

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## US retail sales flat in July under weight of inflation

Report has some bright spots: Consumers still spending, but more cautiously

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WASHINGTON — The pace of sales at U.S. retailers was unchanged last month as persistently high inflation and rising interest rates forced many Americans to spend more cautiously.

Retail purchases were flat after having risen 0.8% in June, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. Economists had expected a slight increase.

Still, Wednesday's report contained some positive signs: Excluding autos and auto parts, retail sales rose 0.4% in July.

Lower gas prices likely freed up money for people to spend elsewhere. Gasoline sales slid 1.8%, reflecting the drop in pump prices.

Sales of building supplies and garden equipment held up, as did sales at electronics and appliance stores.

At the same time, consumers remained wary of spending much on non-essentials: Sales were down 0.5% at department stores

and 0.6% at clothing stores.

Compared with 12 months ago, overall retail sales rose 10.3% in July.

America's consumers, whose spending accounts for nearly 70% of U.S. economic activity, have remained mostly resilient even with year-over-year inflation near a four-decade high, rising economic uncertainties and the surging costs of mortgages and borrowing money. Still, overall spending has weakened, and it has shifted increasingly toward things like groceries, and away from less necessary things like electronics, furniture and new clothes.

The government's monthly report on retail sales covers about a third of all consumer purchases and doesn't include spending on most services, ranging from plane fares and apartment rents to movie tickets and doctor visits. In recent months, Americans have been shifting their purchases away from physical goods and more toward travel, hotel stays and plane trips.

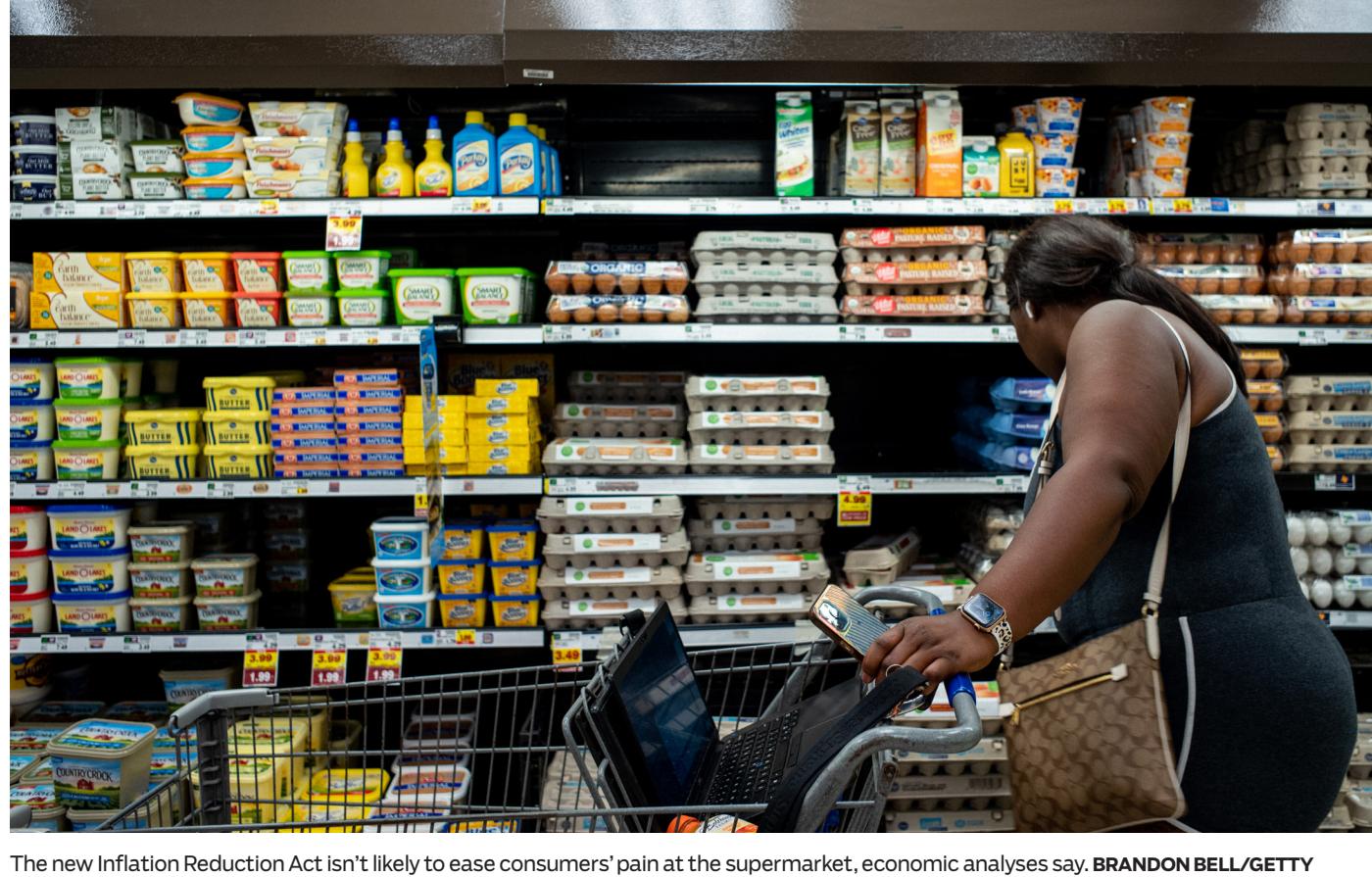
Inflation continues to pose a severe hardship for many families. Though gasoline

prices have fallen from their heights, food, rent, used cars and other necessities have become far more expensive, beyond what ever wage increases most workers have notched.

Despite a still-robust job market, the U.S. economy shrank in the first half of 2022, raising fears of a potential recession. Growth has been weakening largely as a consequence of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes, which are intended to cool the economy and tame high inflation.

The impact of the Fed's hikes has been felt especially in the housing market. Sales of previously occupied homes have slowed for five straight months as higher loan rates and high sales prices have kept many would-be buyers on the sidelines.

But the most important pillar of the economy — the job market — has proved durable. America's employers added a hefty 528,000 jobs in July, and the unemployment rate reached 3.5%, matching a near-half-century low reached just before the pandemic erupted in the spring of 2020.



The new Inflation Reduction Act isn't likely to ease consumers' pain at the supermarket, economic analyses say. BRANDON BELL/GETTY

## Will new law slow inflation?

Not anytime soon, analyses say, but its provisions won't likely cause more of it either

By Christopher Rugaber  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With inflation raging near its highest level in four decades, President Joe Biden this week signed into law his landmark Inflation Reduction Act. Its title raises a tantalizing question: Will the measure actually tame the price spikes that have inflicted hardships on American households?

Economic analyses of the package suggest that the likely answer is no — not anytime soon, anyway.

The legislation, which was approved by Congress last week and signed into law Tuesday, won't directly address some of the main drivers of surging prices — from gas and food to rents and restaurant meals.

Still, the law could save money for some by lessening the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly, extending health insurance subsidies and reducing energy prices. It would also modestly cut the government's

budget deficit, which might slightly lower inflation by the end of this decade.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office concluded this month that the changes would have a "negligible" impact on inflation this year and next. And the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Wharton Budget Model concluded that, over the next decade, "the impact on inflation is statistically indistinguishable from zero."

Such forecasts also undercut the arguments that some Republicans have made, that the bill would "cause inflation," as House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said in a speech on the House floor.

Biden, in speaking of the legislation's effect on inflation, has referred to potentially lower prices in individual categories rather than to lower inflation as a whole. The president said the bill would "bring down the cost of prescription drugs, health insurance premiums and energy costs."

At the same time, the White House has trumpeted a letter signed by more than 120 economists, including several Nobel Prize winners and former Treasury secretaries, that asserts that the law's reduction in the government's budget deficit — by an estimated \$300 billion over the next decade, according to the CBO — would put "down-

ward pressure on inflation."

In theory, lower deficits can reduce inflation. That's because reduced government spending or higher taxes, both of which help shrink the deficit, drive down demand in the economy, thereby easing pressure on companies to raise prices.

Yet Douglas Holtz-Eakin, who was a top economic adviser to President George W. Bush and later a director of the CBO, noted that the lower deficits won't kick in for five years and won't be very large over the next decade considering the size of the economy.

"Thirty billion dollars a year in a \$21 trillion economy isn't going to move the needle," Holtz-Eakin said, referring to the estimated amount of deficit reduction spread over 10 years.

In addition, Kent Smetters, director of the Penn Wharton Budget Model, said the law's health care subsidies could send inflation higher. The legislation would spend \$70 billion over a decade to extend tax credits to help 13 million Americans pay for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Those subsidies would free up money for recipients to spend elsewhere, potentially increasing inflation, although Smetters said the effect would likely be very small.

## UK inflation hits 10.1% on food, energy costs

By Jill Lawless  
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's inflation rate rose to a new 40-year high of 10.1% in July, a faster pace than in the U.S. and Europe as climbing food prices in the United Kingdom tightened a cost-of-living squeeze fueled by the soaring cost of energy.

The double-digit surge in consumer prices over a year earlier was higher than analysts' central forecast of 9.8% and a jump from the annual rate of 9.4% in June, the Office for National Statistics said Wednesday. The increase was largely due to rising prices for food and staples such as toilet paper and toothbrushes, it said.

The Bank of England says soaring natu-

ral gas prices are likely to drive consumer price inflation to 13.3% in October. It says that will push Britain into a recession that is expected to last through 2023.

Those pressures persuaded the bank to boost its key interest rate by half a percentage point this month, the biggest of six consecutive increases since December. The rate now stands at 1.75%, the highest since the global financial crisis in late 2008.

"We expect another 50 (basis points) rate hike in September," said James Smith, developed markets economist and ING Economics. "We wouldn't rule out another hike in November."

Inflation is surging in many countries as Russia's war in Ukraine has triggered unprecedented increases in energy prices

worldwide. Russia has reduced natural gas shipments to Europe in retaliation for the West's support of Ukraine.

The gas woes are threatening a recession in the 19 countries sharing the euro currency, where inflation hit a record 8.9% in July. The United States has already seen two quarters of economic contraction, intensifying fears of a recession. U.S. inflation eased somewhat to 8.5% in July but is still near a four-decade high.

Britain's Conservative government is under pressure to do more to help people cope with the cost-of-living crisis. The average U.K. household fuel bill has risen more than 50% so far in 2022, and another increase is due in October, when the average bill is forecast to hit \$4,300 a year.

## Yellen lists priorities for \$80B in IRS funding

By Alan Rappeport  
The New York Times

A day after President Joe Biden signed into law a sweeping climate, health and tax bill that included \$80 billion in funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen directed her agency to develop an operational plan for deploying the funds, kick-starting an overhaul of the beleaguered tax collection agency.

In a memo to the IRS commissioner, Charles Rettig, Yellen mapped out her top priorities, including clearing a backlog of unprocessed tax returns, improving taxpayer services, revamping antiquated technology and hiring thousands of new employees.

The new law, known as the Inflation Reduction Act, "provides the IRS what it has needed for years — a stable stream of mandatory funding that will allow the agency to serve American taxpayers the way they deserve and to enforce the tax laws against high-net-worth individuals, large corporations and complex partnerships who today pay far less than they owe," Yellen wrote in the memo, which was viewed by The New York Times.

The money will be used to hire new tax enforcement agents, expand depleted taxpayer-services teams (which leave most customer service calls unanswered) and upgrade outdated technology systems. The \$80 billion over a decade will be a substantial infusion for an agency that had a budget of \$13.7 billion in 2021.

Yellen directed the agency to draft the plans within six months, and she tapped her deputy, Wally Adeyemo, to work with Rettig to develop the new initiatives and timelines. The plan must have metrics for its various areas of improvement so that Congress can hold the agency accountable.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## BofA's overdraft fees down 90%

NEW YORK — Bank of America said Wednesday that its revenue from overdrafts has dropped 90% from a year ago, after the bank reduced overdraft fees to \$10 from \$35 and eliminated fees for bounced checks.

The nation's largest banks are moving away from the practice of charging exorbitant fees on what are mostly small-dollar purchases after years of public pressure.

Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan said he expects whatever residual income the bank earns from overdraft fees will come from small businesses using overdraft fees as a convenience.

Bank of America's new overdraft fee policy was implemented starting in June. The bank brought in slightly more than \$1 billion from such fees last year.

## Egypt bank chief quits amid crisis

CAIRO — Egypt's central bank governor resigned Wednesday as the Middle East's most populous nation struggles to curb inflation triggered by Russia's war in Ukraine, high oil prices and a drop in tourism.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi accepted the resignation of Tarek Amer and named him a presidential adviser, the Egyptian leader's office said.

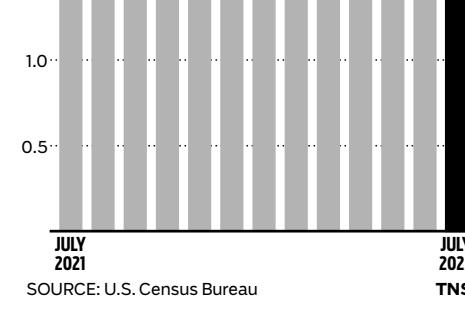
No replacement was immediately named for Amer, who had been appointed in 2015.

He has been criticized for his handling of Egypt's financial challenges. The currency is under pressure, sliding in value to more than 19 Egyptian pounds to the dollar.

That followed the bank's decision allowing the currency to depreciate by around 16% in March amid a growing trade deficit.

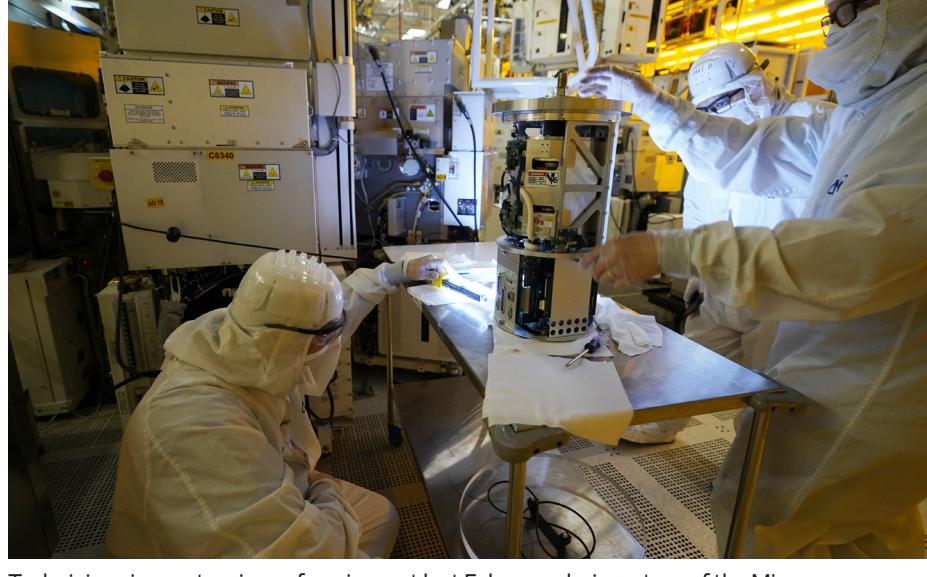
## New residential construction

New housing unit permits authorized, in millions



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

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**BUSINESS**

Technicians inspect a piece of equipment last February during a tour of the Micron Technology automotive chip manufacturing plant in Manassas, Virginia. STEVE HELBER/AP

## Chipmakers prep for decline after pandemic-fueled boom

By Ian King  
Bloomberg News

Even in an industry famous for roller-coaster cycles, chipmakers are bracing for a severe shift in coming months, when a record-setting sales surge is threatening to give way to the worst decline in a decade or more.

The semiconductor market enjoyed a massive run-up in orders during the pandemic, sending sales and stock prices to new highs and triggering a global scramble to find enough supplies. There was hope in some circles that the boom could be sustained for several more years without a painful pullback, but chipmakers are now facing growing inventory and shrinking demand.

It's a dilemma as old as the computing age. It takes years to build a chip plant, and they don't always come online when they're most needed. In the last few years, the problem was a lack of supply. As recently as this quarter, automakers and some other customers were complaining they still couldn't get enough electronic components.

But fortunes have turned swiftly for the biggest chipmakers. Companies like Nvidia Corp. are reporting more than 40% annual declines in their core businesses, while Micron Technology Inc. warns that demand is evaporating fast in many areas. This week, Chinese government data showed that output of integrated circuits plunged 17% in July after robust growth in 2021, reflecting supply chain shocks as well as a tapering in demand for lower-end chips from the world's biggest semiconductor market.

The treachery of the semiconductor cycle was driven home when President Joe Biden signed the \$52 billion Chips and Science Act to subsidize domestic production on the day that Micron, the US's biggest maker of memory chips, told investors demand was fading.

"The politicians are going to find out how quickly shortages can resolve themselves when the industry turns," said Sanford C. Bernstein analyst Stacy Rasgon.

Personal computer makers, some of the biggest buyers of chips, were the

harbinger of darker times. Desktop processor shipments dropped to their lowest level in nearly three decades in the second quarter, according to Mercury Research. Total processor shipments experienced their largest year-over-year falloff since about 1984.

It's a painful hangover following pandemic lockdowns, when working from home spurred demand for PCs and other devices. Chipmakers had been rushing to keep up with orders, and supply chain snags made customers even more desperate. Manufacturers of electronic devices were willing to buy chips at whatever price they could.

Now consumers are cutting down on major purchases, and chip buyers are following suit. That's created an "inventory correction."

They don't usually last, but if an inventory correction happens at the same time the economy slides into recession, the industry won't see a speedy rebound.

Christopher Danely, a Citigroup Inc. analyst, expects the industry's drop to be the worst in at least a decade, and possibly two.

## Protection being sought for rare butterfly at Nevada site

By Scott Sonner  
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Conservationists who are already suing to block a geothermal power plant where an endangered toad lives in western Nevada are now seeking U.S. protection for a rare butterfly at another geothermal project the developer plans near the Oregon line.

The Center for Biological Diversity is now petitioning the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the bleached sandhill skipper under the Endangered Species Act at the only place it's known to exist.

It says the project the Bureau of Land Management approved last year 250 miles north of Reno could ultimately lead to the extinction of the 2-inch-long butterfly with golden-orange wings.

"This beautiful little butterfly has evolved over millennia to thrive in this one specific spot, and no one should have the right to just wipe it off the face of the Earth," said Jess Tyler, a scientist at the center who co-wrote the petition.

USFWS has 90 days to decide whether there's enough evidence to conduct a yearlong review to determine if protection is warranted, so any formal listing is likely years away.

But the petition signals the potential for another legal fight familiar to Ormat Nevada, which wants to tap hot water beneath the earth to generate carbon-free energy the Biden administration has made a key part of its effort to combat climate change. Opposition to those efforts in Nevada has come from conservationists, tribes and others who otherwise generally support greener energy supply.

"At a time when climate change is undisputedly one of the greatest threats to the



The bleached sandhill skipper's habitat is a single wetland created by the Baltazar Hot Springs near Denio, Nevada.

PATRICK DONNELLY/CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2021

planet, it is disappointing that the Center for Biological Diversity, a group with a mission to protect the environment, is attempting to stop the development of clean, renewable energy sources," Ormat Vice President Paul Thomsen said in an email.

The center and a Nevada tribe have been battling the Reno-based company in federal court since December over its other power plant scheduled to begin operation by Dec. 31 in the Dixie Meadows 100 miles east of Reno.

USFWS declared the quarter-sized Dixie Valley toad endangered on a temporary emergency basis in April.

Ormat agreed in a joint court stipulation Aug. 1 to suspend construction at least until September and perhaps until the end of the year to consult with the government to ensure compliance with the act.

The butterfly's listing petition, filed Aug. 8, comes 10 years after the service rejected a similar bid from WildEarth Guardians, citing a lack of imminent threat to the insect's habitat.

But the center says the situation changed when the bureau approved Ormat's project at Baltazar Hot Springs near Denio.

The power plant would sit

outside the butterfly's habitat, a single alkali wetland of around 1,500 acres created by discharge from the Baltazar Hot Springs.

But tapping the underground water likely would affect the flows that support the plants that host the larva that hatch from the butterfly's eggs and provide nectar for adults, the petition says.

Thomsen said Ormat has a long history of working with the government "to ensure that all habitats and ecosystems, regardless of their federally protected status, co-exist safely with the renewable energy plants we develop."

The bleached sandhill skipper is a subspecies of skippers stretching from Washington to Arizona and Colorado. Its small geographic range and specific habitat make it highly vulnerable to extinction, the petition says.

"Geothermal energy is an important part of our clean energy transition, but it can't come at the cost of extinction," said Patrick Donnelly, the center's Great Basin director.

The petition says there are no official government counts of the butterfly's population, but scientific surveys from 2014-19 indicate it's in decline, with estimates ranging from fewer than 10,000 to hundreds.

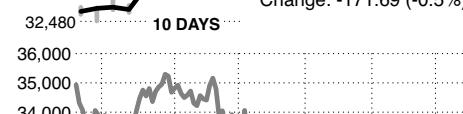
## MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, August 18, 2022

**DOW**  
33,980.32 -171.69

**10-YR T-BOND**  
2.90% +.09

**GOLD**  
\$1,760.30 -12.90



Commodities			
FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	88.11	86.53	+17.15%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	9.24	9.33	+147.83%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.93	2.90	+31.69%
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,760.30	1,773.20	-3.68%
Silver (oz)	19.71	20.07	-15.50%

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates	
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Britain	1.2064	.8289	5.50 5.50
Canada	.7752	1.2900	2.61
China	.1475	6.7810	3.10
Euro	1.0183	.9820	2.93
Japan	.007405	135.05	2.79
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Global Markets			
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London	7,515.75	-20.31	-.27%
Hong Kong	19,922.45	+91.93	+.46%
Nikkei	29,222.77	+353.86	+1.23%

### Domestic Indexes

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# Feeling dismissed by doctor?

How to spot 'medical gaslighting,' tips on what you can do about it

By Christina Caron  
The New York Times

Christina, who lives in Portland, Maine, said she felt ignored by doctors for years. When she was 50 pounds heavier, her providers sometimes blamed her body size when she discussed her health concerns.

One instance occurred weeks after she had fallen off her bike. "My elbow was still hurting," said Christina, 39, who asked that her last name be withheld when discussing her medical history. She said her doctor waved it off with, "Well, you're overweight and it's putting stress on your joints."

Eventually, Christina visited an urgent care center, where providers performed an X-ray and found she had chipped a bone.

The experience of having one's concerns dismissed by a medical provider, often referred to as medical gaslighting, can happen to anyone. A recent New York Times article on the topic received more than 2,800 comments: Some recounted misdiagnoses that nearly cost them their lives or that delayed treatment, leading to unnecessary suffering.

Lately, the problem has been drawing attention — in both the medical community and the general public — for disproportionately affecting women, people of color, geriatric patients and LGBTQ people. Studies have found that women are more likely than men to be misdiagnosed with certain conditions — like heart disease and autoimmune disorders — and they often wait longer for a diagnosis. One group of researchers discovered that doctors were more likely to use negative descriptors like "noncompliant" or "agitated" in Black patients' health records than in those

of white patients — a practice that could lead to health care disparities.

"Gaslighting is real; it happens all the time," said Dr. Jennifer Mieres, a professor of cardiology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and co-author of the book "Heart Smarter for Women." "Patients — and especially women — need to be aware of it."

Here are some tips on how to be your own advocate in a medical setting.

**Q: What are the signs of gaslighting?**

**A:** Gaslighting can be subtle and isn't always easy to spot. When seeking medical care, experts recommend watching for the following red flags.

■ Your provider continually interrupts you and doesn't appear to be an engaged listener.

■ Your provider minimizes or plays down your symptoms.

■ Your provider refuses to discuss your symptoms.

■ Your provider will not order key imaging or lab work to rule out or confirm a diagnosis.

■ You feel that your provider is rude, condescending or belittling.

■ Your symptoms are blamed on mental illness, but you are not provided with a mental health referral or screened for such illness.

"I always tell my patients that they are the expert of their body," said Dr. Nicole Mitchell, the director of diversity, equity and inclusion for the obstetrics and gynecology department at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

**Q: What can you do?**

**A: Keep detailed notes and records:**

Mitchell recommended keeping a journal — "What are your symptoms? When do you feel those symptoms?

Do you notice any triggers? If you have pain, what does it feel like? Does it wax and wane, or is it constant? What days do you notice this pain?"

Also, keep records of all of your lab results, imaging, medications and family medical history.

**■ Ask questions:** Prepare questions that you would like to ask and be prepared to ask others as new information is presented. If you aren't sure where to start, Mitchell recommended asking your doctor this: "If you were me, what questions would you ask?"

**■ Bring a support person:** Sometimes it can help to have a trusted friend or relative accompany you.

**■ Focus on your most pressing issue:**

The average primary care exam is only 18 minutes long, according to a 2021 study. Mieres recommended taking 10 minutes before your appointment to jot down bullet points that outline the reason for your visit so that you can communicate efficiently.

**Q: What if you're still being ignored?**

**A: Switch providers:** A study using data from 2006 and 2007 estimated that about 12 million adults were misdiagnosed in the United States every year, and about half of those errors could be harmful. If you are concerned that your symptoms are not being addressed, you are entitled to seek other opinions.

But it's not always quick or simple to find another specialist who takes your insurance and has immediate availability. If possible, try to get an in-network referral from your doctor.

If you don't feel comfortable asking your doctor for a referral, you can also speak with a patient liaison or nurse manager. You can also ask friends and family, or call your insurance company to find someone in-network.

**■ Look to support groups:** Support

groups may provide useful resources and information.

Tami Burdick, who was diagnosed in 2017 with granulomatous mastitis, a rare, chronic, inflammatory breast disease, found help from an online group for women with the same condition.

Initially, she was referred to an infectious disease specialist who dismissed a breast biopsy found to contain bacteria.

"I developed horrible, painful abscesses that would open and drain on their own," Burdick, 44, said.

She conducted extensive research on the disease. And from the support group she learned of a gene sequencing test that could identify potential pathogens. Burdick asked her surgical oncologist to order the test and discovered she had been infected with a specific microorganism associated with granulomatous mastitis and recurrent breast abscesses. It took seven months, but she finally had an answer.

"If the infectious disease specialist had looked further into it," she continued, "perhaps I could have started antibiotics right away, then and there, and never have required surgery."

**■ Appeal to a higher authority:** If you are being treated in a hospital setting, you can contact the patient advocacy staff. You might also address the problem with your doctor's supervisor.

Finally, Mitchell said, you may consider reporting your experience to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

"Any instances of abuse, manipulation, gaslighting, delaying diagnoses — those are reportable events that providers need to know about," Mitchell said. "Doctors need to be held accountable."

## Crohn's, colitis tied to higher-risk pregnancies

HealthDay News

Women who have inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD, should work with a doctor to get it into remission before pregnancy, a new study indicates.

Researchers found that women with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, both types of inflammatory bowel disease, had a greater risk of pregnancy complications and poor maternal and fetal

outcomes. The disease causes chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract and typically occurs in young people.

"IBD is an incurable disease, and its relapsing and remitting nature is stressful for the estimated 3 million U.S. men and women diagnosed (with it)," said senior study author Dr. Yezaz Ghouri, an assistant professor of clinical medicine at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

"Because this disease tends to affect women during their peak fertility period, we wanted to know the impact of IBD on maternal and fetal outcomes," he said in a university news release.

Researchers reviewed more than 8 million pregnancies from 2016 to 2018, finding over 14,000 women with IBD. The research showed that pregnant women with IBD had higher numbers of gestational diabetes, postpartum

hemorrhage, hypertensive complications, preterm delivery, fetal growth restriction and fetal death.

Patients with IBD also spent longer in the hospital after giving birth, by about a half-day.

"Based on our findings, we suggest that women who have moderate to severe IBD should get preconception counseling and be treated aggressively to achieve remission prior to getting pregnant," Ghouri said. "Our study



results illustrate the importance that IBD be optimally controlled prior to conception."

The findings were published recently in the International Journal of Colorectal Disease.

# Test of possible Lyme disease vaccine begins

Cases on the rise; warming weather helps ticks thrive

By Lauran Neergaard  
and Shelby Lum  
Associated Press

DUNCANSVILLE, Pa. — Researchers are seeking thousands of volunteers in the U.S. and Europe to test the first potential vaccine against Lyme disease in 20 years — in hopes of better fighting the tick-borne threat.

Lyme is a growing problem, with cases rising and warming weather helping ticks expand their habitat. While a vaccine for dogs has long been available, the only Lyme vaccine for humans was pulled off the U.S. market in 2002 from lack of demand, leaving people to rely on bug spray and tick checks.

Now Pfizer and French biotech Valneva are aiming to avoid previous pitfalls in developing a new vaccine to protect both adults and kids as young as 5 from the most common Lyme strains on two continents.

"There wasn't such a recognition, I think, of the severity of Lyme disease" and how many people it affects the last time around, Pfizer vaccine chief Annaliesa Anderson told The Associated Press.

Robert Terwilliger, an avid hunter and hiker, was first in line recently when the study opened in central Pennsylvania. He's seen lots of friends get Lyme and is tired of wondering if his next tick bite will make him sick.

"It's always a worry, you know? Especially when you're sitting in a tree stand hunting and you feel something crawling on you," said Terwilliger, 60, of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania. "You've got to be very, very cautious."

Exactly how often Lyme disease strikes isn't clear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites insurance records suggesting 476,000 people are treated for Lyme in



Robert Terwilliger, right, is injected with either the new Lyme vaccine or a placebo by nurse Janae Roland on Aug. 5 in Duncansville, Pa. GARY M. BARANEC/AP

the U.S. each year. Pfizer's Anderson put Europe's yearly infections at about 130,000.

Black-legged ticks, also called deer ticks, carry Lyme-causing bacteria. The infection initially causes fatigue, fever and joint pain. Often — but not always — the first sign is a red, round bull's-eye rash.

Early antibiotic treatment is crucial, but it can be hard for people to tell if they were bitten by ticks, some as small as a pin. Untreated Lyme can cause severe arthritis and damage the heart and nervous system. Some people have lingering symptoms even after treatment.

Most vaccines against other diseases work after people are exposed to a germ. The Lyme vaccine offers a different strategy

— working a step earlier to block a tick bite from transmitting the infection, said Dr. Gary Wormser, a Lyme expert at New York Medical College who isn't involved with the new research.

How? It targets an "outer surface protein" of the Lyme bacterium called OspA that's present in the tick's gut. It's estimated a tick must feed on someone for about 36 hours before the bacteria spreads to its victim. That delay gives time for antibodies the tick ingests from a vaccinated person's blood to attack the germs right at the source.

In small, early-stage studies, Pfizer and Valneva reported no safety problems and a good immune response. The newest study will test if the vaccine, called VLA15, really protects and is safe. The

companies aim to recruit at least 6,000 people in Lyme-prone areas, including the Northeast U.S., plus Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden.

They'll receive three shots, either the vaccine or a placebo, between now and next spring's tick season. A year later, they'll get a single booster dose. "We're really looking at something that's a seasonal vaccine," Anderson said, so people have high antibody levels during the months when ticks are most active.

Volunteers can be as young as 5 and should be at high risk because they spend a lot of time in tick-infested areas, such as hikers, campers and hunters, said Dr. Alan Kivitz, who heads one of the study sites at Altoona Center

for Clinical Research in Duncansville, Pennsylvania.

In his own practice, "not a single day goes by that someone either has a concern about Lyme disease, could possibly have Lyme disease," Kivitz said.

This new candidate is different from a previous Lyme vaccine that GlaxoSmithKline pulled off the market in 2002 amid controversy and low sales. With about 75% effectiveness, that old Lyme shot got a lukewarm endorsement from vaccine experts, wasn't tested in children and drew unsubstantiated reports of joint-related side effects.

While the new Pfizer-Valneva vaccine also targets the OspA protein, it's engineered somewhat differently than its prede-

cessor and also targets six Lyme strains in the U.S. and Europe instead of just one.

The Pfizer study will span two tick seasons to get answers — but it's not the only research into new ways to prevent Lyme. University of Massachusetts scientists are working on a vaccine alternative, shots of pre-made Lyme-fighting antibodies.

And Yale University researchers are in early stages of designing a vaccine that recognizes a tick's saliva — which in animal testing sparked a skin reaction that made it harder for ticks to hang on and feed.

Since different tick species carry many diseases other than Lyme, ultimately "we're all hoping for a tick-bite prevention vaccine," Wormser said.

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

### Vinegar, hot water alleviate Portuguese man-of-war stings

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

King Features Syndicate

**Q:** Years ago, my 3-year-old tripped and fell on a man-of-war jellyfish at the beach. She was writhing in pain. I immediately tried a paste of meat tenderizer, but it did not help.

I took her to the nearest hospital. In the emergency room, they put her into a hot-water bath, and before I knew it, she was happy as a lark, pain-free and playing in the water.

**A:** Although Portuguese men-of-war look like jellyfish, they are technically classified as Physalia. Their stings cause intense pain and can lead to systemic effects, including headache, abdominal cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. Researchers tested first-aid protocols and discovered that rinsing the site with undiluted vinegar (5% acetic acid) was helpful (Toxins, May 2017).

Alcohol, urine, baking soda and shaving cream, which have all been used as home remedies, appear to be counterproductive. Hot water, on the other hand, helps relieve the pain because heat inactivates key venom compounds (Toxins, April 2016). The water should not be so hot that it would lead to a burn.

**Q:** You've written about the dangers of Lp(a). Doctors should absolutely test for this cardiac risk factor. Patients should insist on it.

My husband was a thin runner with low lipids and triglycerides; yet, he had a heart attack. We learned that his Lp(a) level was high. Three different cardiologists said that wasn't important. One even said statins lower Lp(a) levels.



Portuguese men-of-war look like jellyfish, but they are protozoans technically classified as Physalia. DREAMSTIME

**A:** Fourth cardiologist, took niacin and lowered his level. Lp(a) are sticky lipids, so when there is turbulence in your arteries, they glue things together and cause blood clots that can block arteries.

**A:** There is strong evidence that Lp(a), which is also referred to as lipoprotein(a), can increase the risk for heart attacks and strokes (Biomedicine, July 2021). In addition, high levels of Lp(a) are linked to aortic valve calcification (European Heart Journal, July 23, 2022). The cardiologist who suggested that statins lower Lp(a) was mistaken. In fact, statins raise the risk factor for heart disease (European Heart Journal, Jan. 1, 2020). This may explain why some people who eat right, exercise and even take statins could still have heart attacks.

**Q:** I'm a believer in the efficacy of saffron. About three years ago, I read your article about it a few months before my checkup with my ophthalmologist. She saw some worrisome "lines" in my retina that could be a precursor to age-related macular degeneration. I

added AREDS and saffron to my regimen.

Last year, at my annual eye exam, I told my doctor what I had been taking. I don't know the name of the imaging process, but the white line that was evident the year before had faded drastically. She couldn't explain it but said the supplements aren't hurting me. I've had no negative reactions from either saffron or AREDS vitamins.

**A:** AMD or age-related macular degeneration results in a loss of focus in the middle of the field of vision. The vitamins you mention were tested and found effective in the Age-Related Eye Disease Study. There is growing interest in saffron (*Crocus sativus*) to treat neurodegenerative diseases including AMD (Journal of Anatomy, July 2, 2022). This ancient spice is attracting attention from researchers, but we need large clinical trials before most eye doctors will recommend it.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplestharmacy.com](http://www.peoplestharmacy.com).

## Q&A

### Knowledge is the best tool to prevent medication errors

Mayo Clinic

**Q:** My friend's father recently died from a medication error. One of his prescriptions was filled incorrectly and caused a fatal reaction. I take multiple medications for various conditions. How can I reduce my risk for a medication error?

**A:** Medication errors refer to mistakes in prescribing and dispensing medications. These errors injure hundreds of thousands of people every year in the U.S. Common causes of medication errors

include drug names that sound alike, medications that look alike and medical abbreviations. Most medication errors can be prevented.

Knowledge is your best defense against medication errors.

One of the best ways to reduce your risk of a medication error is to take an active role in your health care. Learn about the medications you take. Never hesitate to share concerns with your physician or pharmacist.

Children are especially at high risk for medication errors because they typically need different drug doses than adults.

An example of a medication error is taking an over-the-counter product that contains acetaminophen, such as Tylenol, when you're already taking a prescription pain medicine that contains acetaminophen. This mistake could put you at risk of liver damage.

Another example of a medication error is taking a depression medication called fluoxetine (Prozac or Sarafem) with a migraine drug called sumatriptan (Imitrex). Both medicines affect levels of a brain chemical

called serotonin. Taking them together can lead to a potentially life-threatening condition called serotonin syndrome. Symptoms of the dangerous drug interaction include confusion, agitation, rapid heart-beat and increased body temperature.

It is important to store medications in their original labeled containers and read the instructions. Other medication errors include confusing eardrops and eyedrops, chewing nonchewable medications, cutting up pills and taking the wrong dose.

Don't assume chewing a pill is as good as swallowing it. Some medications should never be chewed, cut or crushed. Doing so can change how the body absorbs them. Ensuring an accurate dose of liquid medication is critical, so avoid using spoons in your silverware drawer versus a syringe or dose cup, available at most pharmacies.

Ask your physician or pharmacist these questions:

- What is the medication supposed to do?
- How long will it be until I see results?
- How long should I take it?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- What should I do if I

accidentally take more than the recommended dose?

■ Are there any foods, drinks, other medications or activities I should avoid while taking this medicine?

■ What are the possible side effects?

■ How will this new medication interfere with my other medications?

Your health care provider can help prevent errors by printing or digitally sending prescriptions instead of handwriting prescriptions. When you pick up a prescription, check that it's the one your health care provider ordered. Save the information sheets that come with your medications.

Another way to reduce the risk of error is to reconcile your medications during each visit with your health care provider. This involves comparing the list of medications your health care provider has with the list of medications you are taking, which can help avoid mistakes.

— Compiled by Mayo Clinic staff

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## CELEBRITIES

## Snoop Dogg makes Billboard history

From news services

Snoop Dogg's latest feat has landed him in increasingly rare company, speaking to the longevity of his cultural relevance.

Snoop appears alongside BTS on Benny Blanco's new single, "Bad Decisions." The song debuted at No. 10 on the Billboard Hot 100, making Snoop one of only three people to land top 10 hits in the 1990s, 2000s, 2010s and 2020s.

The other two artists? Jay-Z and Mariah Carey. "@SnoopDogg joins @MariahCarey and Jay-Z as the only artists to earn top 10 hits on the #Hot100 in each of the past four decades: '90s, '00s, '10s and '20s," Billboard tweeted this week.

Snoop has had a dozen top 10 hits in his career, three of which went to No. 1. The first came in 1993 with his debut single "What's My Name," while his first No. 1 came in 2004 with "Drop It Like It's Hot." He landed his most recent No. 1 in 2010 with his appearance on Katy Perry's "California Gurls."

**Holland takes social media break:** Actor Tom Holland recently made a "very, very brief return" to Instagram to explain why he hasn't been active on social media since the beginning of July — and why he won't be posting as frequently.

"I have taken a break from social media for my mental health because I find Instagram and Twitter to be overstimulating, to be overwhelming," he said in a video. "I get caught up, and I spiral when I read things about me online, and ultimately, it's very detrimental to my mental state. So I decided to take a step back and delete the (Instagram) app."

Holland, 26, also "shed some light" on stem4, a charity that provides mental health resources, including free apps, to teens living with anxiety, depression, eating disor-



Snoop Dogg, seen Aug. 11, has had top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 in the '90s, '00s, '10s and '20s. **Gregg DeGuire/GETTY**

ders or addiction.

**Hawkins tribute concert will stream live:**

Fans of late Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins will be able to tune in live as some of music's biggest stars take part in a tribute concert. Paramount+ and MTV's YouTube channels will livestream "The Taylor Hawkins Tribute Concert" on Sept. 3 as the Foo Fighters, Travis Barker, Lars Ulrich and more perform at Wembley Stadium in England, Paramount announced Wednesday.

The tribute concert for Hawkins, who died in March at age 50, begins at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Highlights from the show will air on CBS that night.

**Depp to direct again:**

Johnny Depp will direct his first feature film in more than two decades with "Modigliani," a biopic about Italian painter and

sculptor Amedeo Modigliani that will be produced by Al Pacino.

"The saga of Mr. Modigliani's life is one that I'm incredibly honored, and truly humbled, to bring to the screen," Depp, 58, said in a statement. "It was a life of great hardship, but eventual triumph — a universally human story all viewers can identify with."

Production for "Modigliani" begins next year. The only other film directed by Depp came in 1997 with "The Brave."

**Aug. 18 birthdays:**

Actor Robert Redford is 86. Actor Henry G. Sanders is 80. Actor Martin Mull is 79. Actor Denis Leary is 65. Journalist Bob Woodruff is 61. Actor Christian Slater is 53. Actor Edward Norton is 53. Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner is 52. Actor Kaitlin Olson is 47. Comedian Andy Samberg is 44. Actor Parker McKenna Posey is 27.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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### Son-in-law values softball, TV over family

**Dear Amy:** I have come to the conclusion that my son-in-law is a bum.

My daughter gives birth, nurses her babies, works a full-time job, cooks, cleans and shuttles the kids where they need to go.

He quit a job without finding a new job first, and has now been unemployed for months.

I thought it was bad when his only responsibility was his job and he did nothing beyond that. Now he is unemployed, but now his only responsibility is his six softball leagues and the cornhole tournaments he plays in. He watches TV all day long.

He is mildly verbally abusive to me and my daughter. His favorite phase is that things are "not in his job description."

Things like braces, cars and college were things I worked hard to provide my children with, but I guess he figures I will pay for his kids to have those things.

Or he doesn't care at all. It is ruining my relationship with my daughter and my grandchildren.

I still work and am very resentful in regards to helping them with child care and paying for ballet classes, clothing and shoes, while he plays softball.

I guess I need therapy to deal with these concerns.

Any advice?

— Miserable Grandma

**Dear Miserable:** You could cope with this better if you understood and accepted that your daughter is making a series of choices. Her choice to martyr herself to a husband who sounds like a selfish dead-

beat must seem puzzling to you, but your role here is not to fix her life.

Unless your daughter comes to you with complaints, or for advice and financial gifts or bailouts, there is no need for you to weigh in at all. A lack of pressure or (expressed) judgment from you might inspire her to take a long look at the reality of her life.

Your daughter has already established that she can run a household as a single parent. In fact, she sounds impressive. She has options, and she can make changes if she wants her life to be different.

Don't agree to anything if you are going to resent it and then make her "pay" in other ways.

You might offer to take the kids for an overnight on Fridays (a very helpful gesture), but otherwise let her know that unless it is an emergency, she will have to make other arrangements for child care.

Ballet lessons might make a nice special-occasion gift — but with unemployment at a low 3.5%, if the children need shoes, then perhaps their able-bodied dad can figure out a way to provide.

Establish respectful and loving boundaries and focus on maintaining a positive relationship with the children.

Yes, therapy (for you) will help.

**Dear Amy:** My problem is that my daughter (who is 41 years old) does not want to get a mammogram.

Every time I mention it to her, she dismisses me and wants to change the subject. The truth is that she needs to take care of herself, and I have said it

many times.

There are many aunts and her grandmother (on her father's side) who have had breast cancer.

She also works in the health care field and knows about the risks of breast cancer.

It's really bothering me, and I don't know what to do to convince her.

Can you give me advice about how to help her?

— Upset Mother

**Dear Upset:** Your daughter has important reasons to get a mammogram — after all, she has a family history of cancer.

This family history is also why she avoids testing.

You may not comprehend the fear she feels. But she does not know the incredible feeling of relief she will feel when she gets a clean scan.

It takes 10 minutes and then boom — you're good!

Ask her if she would be willing to have you make the appointment for her and then take her to it.

Stress to her the weight lifted off and the relief she will feel afterward.

**Dear Amy:** Your response to "Hands Off" was woefully inadequate.

Her friend's "handsy" husband kissed her without her consent.

If this happens again, a swift kick to the groin is called for.

— Get Real

**Dear Real:** A swift kick might be called for, but I believe there are less violent ways to handle this appropriately.

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## Wagner 'has star power' to fill void left by Maddow step back

By David Bauder

Associated Press

Alex Wagner knows her new prime-time perch on MSNBC is an unorthodox arrangement. But she's determined to make the most of it.

She recently took over the prized 9 p.m. Eastern weeknight time slot that MSNBC's star anchor Rachel Maddow has held. Maddow will still helm the time slot on Mondays, and the rest of the week will be devoted to "Alex Wagner Tonight."

It's part of Maddow's new deal with NBC News that keeps her with the network to produce things like podcasts and books, while stepping away from the daily grind of a show that began in 2008.

"A lot of people watch 'Rachel Maddow,'" Wagner said, "and hopefully many of those same people will come out and watch the rest of the week."

Wagner had her own daytime show at MSNBC in the early 2010s. She left the network when that ended in 2015, worked at CBS News and was in the cast of Showtime's political show "The Circus" for four seasons. She rejoined MSNBC in February and, four months later, network President Rashida Jones selected her for the prime-time job.

At the start, Wagner is working with much of Maddow's staff. She said she hopes Maddow will appear on "Alex Wagner Tonight" if there's a topic she's an expert on, and vice versa. She takes inspiration from Maddow's investigative rigor. Don't expect lengthy, complex opening monologues, though.

"Rachel is incomparable and woe to anybody who tries to duplicate what she does," Wagner said. "Because that's an impossibility. I would never try."

But the onetime editor of The Fader, a music



Alex Wagner recently launched her prime-time show "Alex Wagner Tonight." **PATRICK RANDAK/MSNBC**

magazine, hopes for an expanded focus beyond the politics that dominates cable talk shows much of the time.

"We're always going to make sure our audience understands what's happening in the world and our country that day, but I hope that we can widen the lens a little bit in terms of voices and, to some degree, stories that we cover," she said.

By getting Wagner's show started now, MSNBC has beaten CNN in settling on its future plans for the time slot. CNN still hasn't named a permanent successor to Chris Cuomo since he was fired in December.

July's ratings lay out the challenge before Wagner. Maddow reached an average of 2.4 million viewers on Mondays, the Nielsen company said. For the other four weeknights, MSNBC averaged 1.4 million in the time slot.

Expecting Wagner to quickly achieve the same numbers as MSNBC's favorite personality is unfair. How close she needs to come, and how much time she'll be given

are questions only MSNBC executives can answer. Jones was not made available for an interview.

"They hope that they'll be able to turn her into a star," said Mark Feldstein, professor of broadcasting at the University of Maryland. "This is a big void with Rachel stepping back, and Wagner has the star power to do it. It's kind of surprising to me that she isn't one already, since she's smart and very good on television."

For MSNBC, there's no motivation in raising expectations too high, he said.

The show will be an evolution, Wagner said, "and I'm lucky enough to have the support of NBC as we try and evolve the hour to something that is reflective of my strengths as a journalist."

Wagner said the time couldn't be more urgent to have a prime-time platform discussing the news.

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):**

You're able to show your most appealing side to others. However, being too open about recent financial upturns could attract unwanted attention. Use discretion with those who have your best interests at heart.

**Taurus (April 20-May 18):**

Your foundation of inner security is strong at this time. A direct confrontation against a difficult figure could still be disappointing, but withdrawing from a conflict is sometimes a bold move in its own right. When you've got a comfortable place to land, you might as well steer toward it.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):**

Surprising things may pop out of your mouth today, as forbidden thoughts are probably closer to the surface than normal. Fortunately, the right words to smooth over frustrations are likely to come. Viewing a tough subject in a new light might be a welcome shift.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):**

Professional progress could come to you now. If you're looking for new opportunities, your social network may help you find them. However, changing a friendship to include working together might be a bigger shift than you imagine, so think through everything first.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):**

Pursuing an adventure that revolutionizes your understanding of your life's goals is currently possible. That being said, you might need to go it alone if you can't find anyone willing to make the journey with you. You'll ultimately be freer without someone dragging you down.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

A generous benefactor might be willing to help, but perhaps it's best if you keep the situation quiet. You'll probably have plenty to chew on anyway. While you may hold the view that you must work hard to earn everything by your efforts alone, a situation like this could push you to recalibrate your beliefs.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

You may experience a significant growth spurt in a developing relationship today, perhaps involving meeting the other person's social network. As your new acquaintances likely feel safe, your rational side should remind you to be cautious about making a positive impression.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

Recognition might be available now though you may have to strain yourself to keep it coming. Winding up with an unsustainable workload is, unfortunately, possible. While people could dismiss what you're doing, they might notice a critical imbalance, so hear them out.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Though saving money has its place, outsourcing a chore could free you to pursue higher priorities. You might want to focus on corralling disruptions related to communication. When you successfully carve out the quiet time you need, you can see your next moves more clearly.

out of World War I.

**In 1920,** the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was ratified.

**In 1963,** James Meredith became the first Black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

**In 2011,** Vice President Joe Biden met with Xi Jinping

in Beijing.

**In 2014,** Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon ordered the National Guard to Ferguson, a suburb of St. Louis convulsed by protests over the fatal shooting of a Black 18-year-old, Michael Brown.

**In 2020,** Democrats formally made Joe Biden their 2020 presidential nominee.

Associated Press

**On Aug. 18, 1894,** Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.

**In 1914,** President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the U.S.





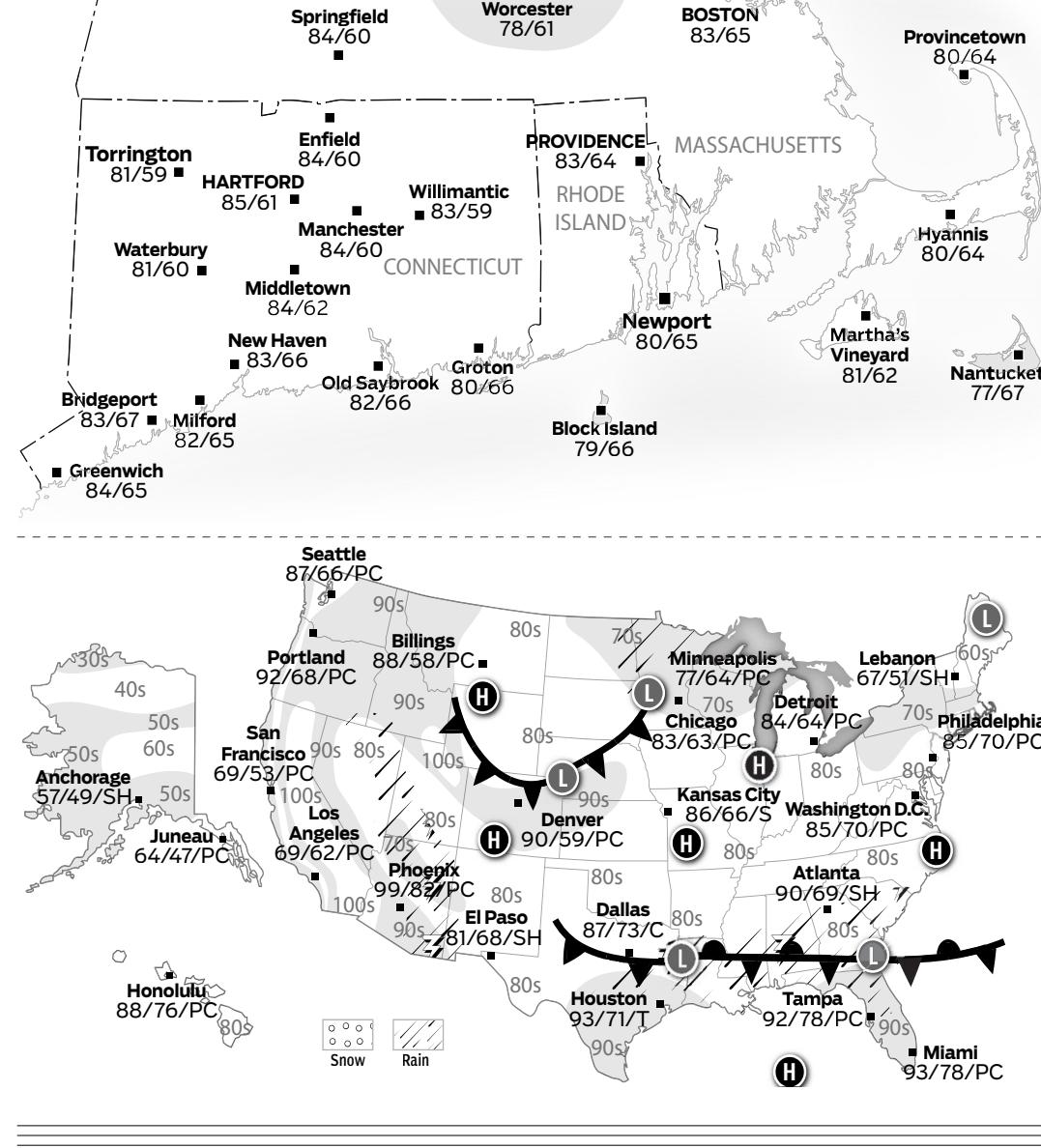




## WEATHER

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 SUNRISE 84° NOON 61° SUNSET	 SUNRISE 85° NOON 64° SUNSET	 SUNRISE 89° NOON 64° SUNSET	 SUNRISE 89° NOON 64° SUNSET	 SUNRISE 88° NOON 66° SUNSET
Partly sunny and seasonable. West wind around 10 mph. HIGH 85° LOW 61°	Mostly sunny and very warm. HIGH 89° LOW 64°	Partly sunny, very warm and more humid. HIGH 89° LOW 64°	Partly sunny, very warm and moderately humid. HIGH 89° LOW 64°	Partly sunny, warm and moderately humid, chance for an afternoon shower and a thunderstorm. HIGH 86° LOW 67°

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## OUTLOOK

High pressure over the Ohio Valley will ridge into the state on Thursday bringing a partly sunny sky with high temperatures in the 80s and dew points in the mid-50s. The wind will be west around 10 mph. The sky will be mostly clear overnight with low temperatures in the upper 50s to the mid-60s. Sunshine with some fair-weather clouds on Friday, but it will be turning warmer as highs reach into the mid and upper 80s. The humidity remains quite pleasant for mid-August. It will turn more humid for the weekend as the dew point climbs into the mid-60s.

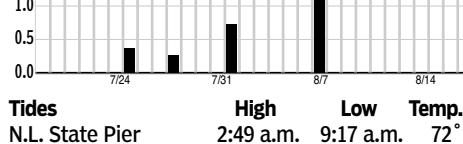
-Gary Lesser

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.01
Month to date	2.48
Total this year	25.31 28.83

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

## 30-day Precipitation History In Inches



## Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	7	High Weeds	85°
Air Quality Today	44	Ultraviolet Index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday

Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise 6:02 a.m.	6:03 a.m.
Sunset 7:48 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise 11:19 p.m.	11:51 p.m.
Moonset 1:23 p.m.	2:27 p.m.

Tides High Low Temp.

N.L. State Pier 2:49 a.m. 9:17 a.m. 72°

3:25 p.m. 10:27 p.m.

Saybrook Jetty 4:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 74°

4:36 p.m. 11:10 p.m.

Connecticut River 6:43 a.m. 1:56 a.m.

at Portland 7:19 p.m. 1:56 p.m.

Madison 4:24 a.m. 10:24 a.m. 75°

4:46 p.m. 11:12 p.m.

New Haven 4:44 a.m. 10:48 a.m. 75°

5:06 p.m. 11:36 p.m.

Stamford 4:48 a.m. 11:02 a.m. 76°

5:10 p.m. 11:50 p.m.

River Stage at Hartford: 2.42 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating L.I. Sound W L.I. Sound E B.I. Sound

Weather PCLOUDY PCLOUDY PCLOUDY

Wind W, 10 W, 10-15 W, 10-15

Seas 1 ft. 1-3 ft. 2-3 ft.

## Moon Phase

Last Aug 19	New Aug 27	First Sept 3	Full Sept 10
High	7	High Weeds	85°
Good	44	Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today
7	High Weeds	85°	Pollen Count Yesterday
85°	High Weeds	85°	Heat Index Today

Temperature High Low

Wednesday 83 at 12:54 p.m. 65 at 6:10 a.m.

Normal for date 83 62

Record for date 96 in 1913 45 in 1979

A year ago 82 62

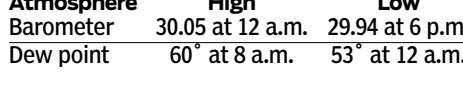
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Last Season 698

Cooling Degree Days Season Normal Last Season

For Jan 1 - Aug 17 826 632 698

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere High Low

Barometer 30.05 at 12 a.m. 29.94 at 6 p.m.

Dew point 60° at 8 a.m. 53° at 12 a.m.

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Flashes of chile heat in a salty, sour, sweet sauce make every bite of kung pao chicken a little thrill. CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

## The thrill of kung pao

By Genevieve Ko  
The New York Times

**A** steaming plate of kung pao anything feels like the part of a fireworks show when small, bright bursts pop without deafening booms. Surprising but not jolting, it's a dish filled with beats of excitement: You don't know when they're coming, but they're always welcome.

With kung pao, that likable little thrill comes from the sauce's flashes of chile heat in a glossy swirl of salty, sour and sweet that

coats stir-fried chicken, shrimp, tofu, vegetables and, often, peppers and nuts. Every bite swings a little spicy or chewy, tangy or crisp. And there are endless variations, so the total number of possible kung pao experiences is something like infinity.

The dish's defining elements are chiles and a sweetened soy-vinegar sauce, but most everything else is up for grabs, as it has been from the start. That makes it a meal you can cook night after night at home, where you can calibrate the seasonings to

your liking and end up with something that tastes both new and familiar. (It also doesn't hurt that it takes less than 20 minutes from start to finish.)

The first time I prepared kung pao chicken, I followed a recipe handwritten by my Taiwanese American friend Grace Han, who transcribed instructions from her mother, Pearl Han.

Grace and I grew up together as neighbors, and our parents still live next

to each other, on lots close enough that I could always smell what Auntie Pearl was cooking. And it smelled so good, the tingle of chiles, the urgency of garlic, the warmth of ginger as soft and bright as the Southern California sun setting behind our homes.

This kung pao shrimp may have more ingredients, but it doesn't take much longer. The sea saltiness and snap of the shrimp sharpen against a confetti of sweet bell pepper.

Peanuts, fried to bring out a toasty earthiness, deliver crunch among the slips of garlic and scallions. Dried chiles lace the dish with heat and are great on their own, but throwing in floral, citrusy Sichuan pepper adds the welcome tingly sensation known as ma la. Once you try the dish with it, you can decide whether you want more or less, as you should with all of the ingredients, to make — and enjoy — the kung pao you're craving.

### EASY KUNG PAO CHICKEN

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 15 minutes  
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch chunks  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
Salt and ground black or Sichuan pepper  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons Chinkiang (black) vinegar or balsamic vinegar  
2 teaspoons sugar  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup neutral oil, such as grapeseed  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup small dried red chiles (see note)

1. Mix the chicken, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 teaspoon cornstarch, and a big pinch of salt and pepper in a bowl until evenly coated. Let sit while you prepare the sauce.
2. Stir the vinegar, sugar, remaining 2 tablespoons soy sauce and 1 teaspoon cornstarch in a small bowl.
3. Combine the oil and chiles in a wok or large nonstick skillet, and set over medium heat. When the chiles start to sizzle and brown, about 15 seconds, push them to one side of the pan. Add the chicken to the other side all at once and spread in a single, even layer. Cook, without moving the pieces, until the bottoms are dark golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. If the chiles start to blacken, put them on top of the chicken so that they don't burn.

4. Using a large spatula, flip the chicken in portions. Cook just until the meat almost loses all of its pinkness, 1 to 2 minutes more. Stir the sauce and pour it into the pan. Stir until the sauce thickens and slicks the chicken evenly. Immediately transfer to a plate and serve hot.

**Note:** The small dried red chiles typically used in kung pao dishes are available in Chinese markets. Any small dried red chiles work, though they do range in heat. For a similar spice level, use chiles de árbol.



### KUNG PAO SHRIMP

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 15 minutes  
1 pound peeled and deveined medium shrimp, thawed if frozen  
2 tablespoons Shaoxing wine or dry sherry  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
Salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons Chinkiang (black) vinegar or balsamic vinegar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns, coarsely ground, plus more to taste  
1 red or orange bell pepper  
5 garlic cloves  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup neutral oil, such as grapeseed  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup unsalted roasted

peanuts  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup small dried red chiles (see note)  
3 large scallions, cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lengths  
1. Mix the shrimp, Shaoxing wine, 1 teaspoon cornstarch and a pinch of salt in a bowl until the shrimp are evenly coated. Let stand while you prepare the other ingredients.  
2. Stir the sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, Sichuan pepper and remaining teaspoon cornstarch in a separate bowl. Dice the bell pepper and thinly slice the garlic. Have all your ingredients ready next to the stove.  
3. Heat the oil in a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat for 15 seconds. Add the peanuts and stir until

browned in spots, 30 to 60 seconds. Add the bell pepper and garlic, and sprinkle with salt. Cook, stirring, until

the pepper is bright and the garlic starts to become translucent, about 30 seconds. Add the chiles and stir well, then add the shrimp with its marinade. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are curled and just

opaque, 2 to 3 minutes.  
4. Add the scallions and stir until glossy, about 15 seconds, then add the sauce. Cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens and coats everything evenly, about 1 minute. If any of the starchy sauce has stuck to the bottom of the pan, add a splash of water and scrape up any browned bits. Taste and add more Sichuan pepper if you'd like. Immediately transfer to a dish and serve hot.

**Note:** The small dried red chiles typically used in kung pao dishes are available in Chinese markets. Any small dried red chiles work, though they do range in heat. For a similar spice level, use chiles de árbol.

## Grilled leg of lamb is summer staple

By JeanMarie Brownson  
Tribune Content Agency

We do most of our entertaining during grill season for a couple of reasons. First, most of us never tire of nicely grilled, slightly

smoky meats and vegetables. Second, the grill gives me extra cooking space, freeing up burners for side dishes and the oven for biscuits.

I love to grill boneless leg of lamb because it's speedy

— cooking time is less than 30 minutes — and carving is a breeze. Most butchers will remove the leg bones and butterfly the meat for you with advance notice.

If you purchase a bone-in leg of lamb, removing the

bones proves easier than it sounds; keep your knife as close to the bones as possible, while you gently loosen the meat from around them. Once loosened, simply twist out the bones. Then, use the sharp knife to

"butterfly" the leg — opening it up into a nearly even layer of meat, like opening a book.

Whenever possible, I buy meat that was raised right: fed a vegetarian diet (preferably grass for the best

flavor), allowed to range and not given antibiotics or hormones. Many supermarkets sell Australian or New Zealand lamb, which tends to come from smaller

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# Homemade ice cream is dressed in its sundae best

By Gretchen McKay  
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Ice cream is the best of desserts any time of year, but it really hits the spot on a balmy summer evening.

Cool and creamy, it's both decadent and nostalgic, whether it's piled high on an ice cream cone or — my favorite way — scooped into a crispy waffle bowl and drenched with spoonful after spoonful of homemade hot fudge.

When I was a kid, my siblings and I spent many nights churning ice cream in a hand-cranked ice cream maker. Today's plug-in versions are much easier on the hands and shoulders, with an electric motor doing all the grunt work by rotating the metal canister that holds the ice cream base in a slurry of ice and salt.

If you keep the canister at the ready in the freezer, and have heavy cream and eggs in the refrigerator, you can have fresh ice cream in less than an hour in any flavor your heart desires. It's that easy.

This sundae recipe features what I swear is one of the best chocolate fudge sauces I've ever tasted — that of food blogger Michelle Lettrich, who runs the popular site Brown Eyed Baker. It's so delicious, you might want to hide any leftovers under your bed, like my little sister, Posie, used to do with the Cool Whip. Just kidding — you should hide it in the back of the fridge.

I made the sundaes with coffee ice cream because that's what I love best, but you could easily substitute vanilla, cinnamon, straw-

## HOMEMADE COFFEE FUDGE SUndaes

**Makes:** Enough ice cream for at least 8 sundaes

**For the ice cream:**

2 cups half-and-half  
1 cup sugar  
Pinch of salt  
4 egg yolks  
1 cup heavy cream  
1½ to 2 tablespoons instant coffee or espresso powder  
**For the hot fudge sauce:**

½ cup heavy or whipping cream  
½ cup light corn syrup or honey  
¼ cup dark brown sugar  
¼ cup cocoa powder  
½ teaspoon fine or table salt  
1 cup semi- or bittersweet chocolate chips, divided  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
**For the sundaes:**

Whipped cream, for garnish  
Maraschino cherries and crushed nuts, for garnish

**1. Make ice cream:** Warm half-and-half, sugar and salt in a medium saucepan over medium heat, whisking to dissolve sugar.

**2. Beat** egg yolks in a small mixing bowl, add ½ cup of the warm mixture to the egg yolks and whisk to combine. Then add that mixture to the half-and-half on the stovetop. Whisk in coffee granules until dissolved.

**3. Cook** over medium-low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens slightly — just barely sticking to the back of a spatula or until it reaches 170 degrees.

**4. Place** heavy cream into

a bowl with a fine-mesh strainer on top of the bowl. Strain custard into the heavy cream. Discard what is left on the strainer. Add vanilla extract and stir to combine.

**5. Transfer** to an airtight container and cool completely in the fridge (preferably overnight).

**6. Pour** mixture into an ice cream maker and churn until frozen (about 30–40 minutes). Transfer to an airtight container and freeze completely, about 4 hours.

**7. When ready to make** sundaes, prepare the hot fudge: In a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, bring the cream, corn syrup, brown sugar, cocoa powder, salt and half of the chocolate chips to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low or low (enough to maintain a low simmer) and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

**8. Remove** from the heat and stir in the remaining chocolate chips, butter and vanilla extract, stirring until smooth. Let cool for 20 to 30 minutes before using (it will thicken as it cools). Store in a jar or airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. To reheat, microwave for 30 seconds to 1 minute until it's pourable but still thick.

**9. Assemble the sundaes:** Place 3 scoops of ice cream in a sundae cup or bowl. Spoon hot fudge on top, and garnish with whipped cream and a maraschino cherry. Crushed nuts are optional. Serve immediately.

—Adapted from  
[browneyedbaker.com](http://browneyedbaker.com)

berry or whatever flavor of ice cream rocks your world.

The sauce can be stored in a covered container in

the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

To reheat, microwave for 30 seconds to 1 minute until it's pourable but still thick.



Drench homemade coffee ice cream in a decadent hot fudge sauce.

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Serve the grilled lamb with a spicy green condiment to dab onto the sliced meat.

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## Lamb

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animals than domestic lamb. A boneless leg of lamb from these animals will be about 5 pounds, just right for a group of 8 with some leftovers.

Ras el hanout, a North African spice blend, makes a great grill rub for lamb and chicken. You can find the blend in specialty markets or online at [www.thespicehouse.com](http://www.thespicehouse.com) or [www.spicewallabrand.com](http://www.spicewallabrand.com). It's easy to create your own blend using the freshest spices you have available. Here's a simple combination to get you started:

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Ras el hanout: Mix 1 teaspoon each, ground: paprika, cumin, ginger and turmeric in a small bowl. Stir in ½ teaspoon each, ground: black pepper, cinnamon, coriander, cayenne and allspice.

## GRILLED BONELESS LEG OF LAMB

**Makes:** 8 servings

1 small boneless leg of lamb, 4 to 5 pounds, butterflied

2 tablespoons ras el hanout spice blend

Coarse (kosher) salt

Freshly ground black pepper

3 to 4 cloves garlic, cut into slivers

¼ cup olive oil

**Minty green sauce:**

1 jalapeno pepper, stemmed

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

¼ cup fresh mint leaves

¼ teaspoon each: ground cumin, salt

1 cup hickory or mesquite wood chips, optional

2 tablespoons each, chopped, fresh: cilantro, parsley, chives

**1. Trim** excess fat, if necessary, from skin side of lamb to leave a ½-inch covering.

Smear 2 tablespoons of the oil over a baking sheet. Place lamb, skin-side up on the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle meat with half of the ras el hanout, 1 teaspoon of salt and plenty of fresh pepper.

**2. Turn** lamb over so the lean side (where the bone was) is up. Use the tip of a sharp paring knife to cut a small slit into the meat and insert a sliver of garlic into the slit. Repeat to evenly distribute the garlic into the meat. Sprinkle with remaining ras el hanout, 1 teaspoon salt and plenty of fresh pepper. Drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Stir in ¼ teaspoon each, ground: cloves and nutmeg. Makes about 2 tablespoons. Store in a jar.

Serve the grilled lamb with a spicy green condiment to dab onto the sliced meat. A generous shower of fresh herbs tastes great with the lamb, too. For side dishes, consider garlicky mashed or roasted potatoes, fresh green beans with lemon, and a mixed green salad with berries and a red wine vinaigrette.

**3. Cover** lamb loosely with wax paper and refrigerate 4 hours or up to 24 hours. Soak wood chips in water to cover for at least 30 minutes.

**4. For minty green sauce**, put jalapeno into a small cast-iron or nonstick skillet set over medium heat. Cook pepper, turning often, until charred on all sides. Cool, then cut in half and scrape out seeds. Put pepper flesh into a small blender (or use an immersion blender in a small bowl). Add oil, lime juice, mint, cumin and salt. Add 1 tablespoon cold water and puree smooth. Add another tablespoon of water if needed to make a thin sauce. Let stand at room temperature while you cook the lamb.

**5. Prepare** charcoal grill or heat gas grill to medium hot. If using, drain wood chips to periodically sprinkle over hot coals. (If using gas grill, set chips on foil and place packet over the heat source.)

**6. Place** the lamb, skin-side down, directly over the heat source. Cover the grill and cook 12 minutes. Turn lamb over. Cover grill and continue grilling until a meat thermometer registers 140 degrees when inserted in the thickest portion, 11 to 13 minutes more. Remove lamb to a cutting board. Cover loosely with foil and let stand 10 to 15 minutes.

**7. Use** a sharp knife to slice lamb thinly. Sprinkle slices with a little salt. Sprinkle herbs over all. Pass the green sauce to add in small dollops.

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# The problem with glass wine bottles

Containers have been blamed for greenhouse gases

By Eric Asimov

The New York Times

Glass bottles have historically been the perfect containers for wine. They are inert and handily sealed, so wine can age and evolve for years free of influence. They are easy to transport and store. A 750-milliliter bottle is the perfect size for two people.

Yet glass bottles have never been more of a problem than they are today, at a time of global trade disruptions and climate crisis.

Producers over the last few years have reported difficulties obtaining bottles and complained about higher costs. Along with pandemic supply-chain problems, bottles from China, a major source for the United States, have been subject to 25% tariffs since 2018. Production in Ukraine, where bottles are made mostly for Europe, has halted because of the war with Russia.

The far more urgent long-term concern is the climate crisis and related environmental challenges. Audits of the carbon footprint of wine production have blamed glass bottles for the largest percentage of greenhouse-gas emissions from the industry.

This perfect container, it turns out, is a huge problem for the planet.

Making glass bottles demands an enormous amount of heat and energy, and bottled wine, with all the necessary packing materials to protect the fragile containers, are

heavy loads that require lots of fuel to ship. The heavier the bottles, the more fuel burned and the more greenhouse gases produced.

Once those bottles are drained of wine, they are typically thrown away. The whole energy-demanding, greenhouse gas-emitting process must be repeated.

Theoretically, recycling glass bottles should help mitigate the problem. But, as Jason Haas, the general manager of Tablas Creek Vineyard in Paso Robles, California, explained in a recent blog post, the state of glass recycling in the United States is discouraging.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates only 31% of glass in the United States is recycled, compared with 74% in Europe and more than 95% in Sweden, Belgium and Slovenia. It's actually worse than 31%, Haas said, as much of that glass is used to build roads rather than for new glass.

A more wide-reaching solution than recycling would be to reuse bottles, as people did for decades until the post-World War II era ushered in the disposable bottle. Sadly, people seem so wed to the convenience of tossing things out that several promising recent trials of reusable wine bottles failed dismally.

In one, Gotham Project, a company that specializes in selling keg wine to bars and restaurants, began a pilot program in early 2021 with a small group of retailers and restaurants in New York, Massachusetts and Colorado, selling wine in bottles that were intended to be returned and reused



Jason Haas of Tablas Creek Vineyard has bashed the state of glass recycling in the U.S. DANIEL DREIFUSS/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

multiple times.

Gotham had to grapple with numerous logistical difficulties. Where would retailers store empty bottles? Would consumers need to wash them before returning? And what about labels? They had to be affixed with older forms of water-soluble glue that would dissolve by washing rather than with the seemingly eternal bond of modern adhesives. These challenges were dwarfed by a much bigger problem.

"We saw none of the bottles coming back," said Bruce Schneider, who, with a partner, Charles Bieler, founded Gotham in 2010. "It seemed so counterintuitive to us. With so much heightened awareness about sustainability and carbon footprint and consumers saying they wanted to do their share, we thought this was a natural. We kept at it for a year, but we saw hardly any returns."

Another company, Good Goods, likewise abandoned a test program of returnable wine bottles after finding consumers were not bringing them back. Both Good Goods and Gotham tried incentives for consumers returning bottles, such as small

deposits, store credit, even donations to charity, but nothing worked.

"It's a massive consumer behavioral shift that needs to take place, and we're not there yet," said Melissa Monti Saunders, chief executive of Communal Brands, an importer and distributor in New York, who worked with Good Goods on its program.

On an episode of the Four Top, a wine podcast, Saunders discussed recycling with Diana Snowden Seysses, who makes wine at her family estates, Snowden Vineyards in Napa Valley and Domaine Dujac in Burgundy.

Snowden Seysses, too, is an ardent proponent of reusable bottles. She said the infrastructure for reusing bottles still existed in Europe, pointing out that Serge Cheveau, a company that specializes in washing bottles for reuse, did big business with bottles from Belgium in particular, where the government offers incentives for reusing bottles.

Both Dujac and Snowden make wines intended for aging and require glass containers, Snowden Seysses said, which will not affect the flavor or composition of the wine.

But most wines of the world are consumed within a year of purchase and have no need for glass.

Still, producers put modest wines in bottles because consumers perceive glass as higher quality and associate other containers, like bag-in-box, with poor wine.

Cans are not much better than bottles, Saunders said. They are easier to recycle, but still require a lot of energy to create.

While both women said reusable bottles will ultimately be an essential step, they believe alternative containers such as bag-in-box, even though made partly of disposable plastic, would be better environmentally as they consume much less energy to manufacture and ship.

In addition, the standard 3-liter bag-in-box, once opened, can keep wines fresh for four to six weeks, longer than opened bottles.

"It's a myth that bag-in-box has to be cheap," Saunders said on the podcast, adding that "in order to demystify this packaging, you need to be putting wine in it that has credibility."

In other words, the better the wine sold in the bag-in-box format, the more willing consumers will be to embrace it.

Saunders is selling good wines such as Hérisson, a Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, and Schipplink, an Austrian gruner veltliner, in bag-in-box. Domaine de Triennes, which makes moderately priced wines in southern France and where Snowden Seysses is a consultant, now sells wines in bag-in-box containers.

Other good wines are available in this format. Haas of Tablas Creek experimented with bag-in-box, packaging the equivalent of 112 cases of 2021 Patelin de Tablas rosé, a modest wine that would typically be served by the glass. It sold out almost immediately, Haas said.

The response was so enthusiastic that he repeated the experiment with Patelin de Tablas white.

"I was so happy to see that," Saunders said of the Tablas Creek box. "Piedigreed, respectable producers are a really big thing, it legitimizes it."

Looking at the climate crisis, and the steps that seem so difficult now to take, it's easy to feel discouraged. It's hard to remember that every effort helps. Reusable bottles will someday be an important tool to cutting the carbon footprint.

## Go retro with popcorn salad

By Laura Manzano

TheKitchen.com

Popcorn salad is a star at picnics and barbecues all across the Midwest. Undeniably curious in both title and texture, popcorn salad is a surprisingly delicious retro side dish whose satisfying crunch will keep you going back for more.

Popcorn salad is as easy as tossing a handful of ingredients together in a bowl. Be sure to use a bigger mixing bowl than you'd think — popcorn is light and will shift around easily. Give yourself lots of room to make sure everything is fully combined.

Popcorn salad should be eaten immediately after it is prepared. You can make the dressing, cook the bacon and prep the veggies ahead of time, but only toss it all together with the popcorn right before you're about to enjoy it. Unsurprisingly, popcorn will absorb the dressing and soften quickly.

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freshly popped popcorn — either kernels or micro-waveable bags are fine, as long as they are unsalted and not buttery. Save those for your next movie instead. Bagged popcorn in the chip aisle doesn't

taste quite as fresh as when you make it yourself. But if you're really in a pinch, go ahead and use it. Just be sure to spring for unflavored popcorn because seasoned popcorn might make the salad too salty.

**POPCORN SALAD**

**Makes:** 6 to 8 servings

1/4 cup neutral oil, such as canola or vegetable

1/2 cup unpopped popcorn kernels

12 ounces thick-cut bacon (about 10 slices)

1/3 cup ranch dressing

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar

2 teaspoons granulated sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

4 stalks celery

1 (8-ounce) can sliced water chestnuts

2 large carrots

4 ounces white cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)

2 medium scallions

**1. Place** 1/4 cup neutral oil and 1/2 cup

unpopped popcorn kernels in a large, heavy-bottomed pot. Cover and cook over medium-high heat until the first kernels pop.

Reduce the heat to medium and continue to cook, shaking the pot occasionally, until the popping subsides, about 10 minutes from when you first turned on the heat. Uncover and remove from the heat.

**2. Place** 12 ounces thick-cut bacon in a large skillet (don't worry about arranging in a perfectly even layer — just get them all in there). Cook over medium heat, flipping and stirring frequently, until crisp, about 15

minutes. Meanwhile, make the dressing and prep the remaining ingredients.

**3. Place** 1/3 cup ranch dressing, 1/3 cup

mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon distilled white

vinegar, 2 teaspoons granulated sugar, 1 1/2

teaspoons kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon black

pepper in a large bowl and whisk to combine.

Prepare the following, adding each to the

bowl as you complete it: Thinly slice 4 celery

stalks crosswise (about 2 cups). Drain and

coarsely chop 1 (8-ounce) can sliced water

chestnuts. Peel and grate 2 large carrots on

the large holes of a box grater (about 1 cup).

Grate 4 ounces white cheddar cheese on the

large holes of a box grater (about 1 cup).

**4. Thinly slice** 2 medium scallions; reserve

1 tablespoon of the dark green parts for

garnish, then add the remaining to the bowl.

Stir until combined.

**5. Line** the cutting board with paper towels.

When the bacon is ready, transfer to the

paper towels. When cool enough to handle,

coarsely chop.

**6. Add** 10 cups of the popcorn (reserve

any extra for snacking) and the bacon to

the bowl and stir to combine, making sure

the popcorn is fully coated in the dressing.

Garnish with the reserved scallion greens

and serve immediately.

**Note:** You can use 10 cups already-popped

unsalted popcorn. This salad is best enjoyed

immediately.



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# How to cook in a vacation rental

And still enjoy your vacation

By Ali Slagle  
The New York Times

**T**he collective desire — desperation? — to get away has risen, as have the prices of food and travel, so you should spend each moment of vacation exactly as you'd like. While eating out is its own form of sightseeing, cooking some or all meals in a vacation rental can be as enjoyable as it is convenient, flexible and economical.

You might look forward to spending time in a new kitchen with seasonal ingredients. Or you might want to do anything but cook — hike, bike, go to the beach, do nothing at all. For both camps and everyone in between, a loose plan for shopping, preparing meals and using up end-of-trip ingredients allows for the kind of cooking that maximizes time, budget and effort.

## Plan ahead and stay flexible

Studies have shown that the anticipation of travel brings more happiness than the trip itself, so you'll be doubly rewarded by sketching out a plan for meals beforehand.

Start by noting what everyone is excited to eat on vacation, as well as any food allergies. Then consider how you and your trip-mates like to eat. Are you big on breakfast? Snackers until dinner-time? Having a general sense of appetites can give a sense of how much you need to buy.

Keep lunch and dinner ideas simple and adaptable, and choose dishes that use basic tools and pantry ingredients. You'll have to work with the rental kitch-

en's equipment — though if you can bring a large cast-iron skillet and a sharp knife with you, you'll be glad you did. Dull (and dangerous!) knives are hallmarks of vacation rental kitchens. A familiar knife will make chopping much smoother. (Just don't try to fly with it in your carry-on luggage.)

## Shop for function and fun

Whether you shop for ingredients at a market or have them delivered, start your trip with a big haul of groceries. Use the notes you made before your trip to tackle this initial grocery shopping list.

Lean on ingredients you like and know how to cook multiple ways, and buy more of fewer ingredients. By focusing on, say, one kind of herb instead of four, you have fewer items to figure out how to use up. (This approach also streamlines shopping and cuts down on food waste.)

Buy what looks good and is in season, but one cannot live on tomatoes and corn alone.

Basics like bread, grains and eggs are essential and can upgrade leftovers.

Shop, too, for a couple of kitchen-sink meals to use up lingering ingredients at the trip's end.

Depending on where you're staying, you might want to explore local shops throughout your trip. Wherever you're shopping — supermarkets, seafood shops, butchers, farm stands or bakeries — be sure to get snacks, treats and drinks. You're on vacation!

## Don't start from zero

Chip away at steps whenever



Skillet tortellini with corn and crispy rosemary. While eating out is its own form of sightseeing, cooking in a vacation rental can be as enjoyable as it is convenient, flexible and economical. DANE TASHIMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

you have time and energy. Chop vegetables, marinate proteins, stir together sauces and dressings, or even prepare a whole dish that keeps well in the refrigerator, like coleslaw or grain, noodle or potato salads.

Think of tomorrow. If you're boiling eggs for tuna nicoise, make extra for egg salad the next day. If the grill's coals are already smoldering, char vegetables for salad or noodles.

## Use up your odds and ends

As your checkout date nears,

there will be ingredients or leftovers that can't go home with you or stay at the rental.

Plan an end-of-trip meal or two devoted to using up whatever you have left. Good "everything but the kitchen sink" recipe formats include chopped or composed salads, omelets, frittatas, fried rice or other grains, warm or cold pastas, grain salads or bowls, stir fries, tofu scrambles, hand rolls, summer rolls, quesadillas, tacos, melts, flatbreads or pizza.

Before you head home, shoulders burned and unclenched, make notes on your meal plan. It'll make next year's vacation cooking even breezier.

## GREEK CHICKEN WITH CUCUMBER-FETA SALAD

*This meal has the flavors of a Greek combination plate with chicken souvlaki, Greek salad and tzatziki, but it is streamlined for the home cook. Feta and olives add briny bites to the creamy, crunchy salad, but feel free to incorporate other elements of Greek salad or tzatziki, like romaine lettuce, bell peppers, mint or dill, toasted walnuts or thinly sliced red onion. Eat with lemon potatoes or toasted pita.*

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 30 minutes  
1½ cups plain Greek yogurt  
3 garlic cloves, finely grated  
Kosher salt (Diamond Crystal)  
Black pepper  
1 teaspoon dried oregano or mint  
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, patted dry  
1½ pounds cucumbers (preferably Japanese, Persian or mini, seedless cucumbers)  
1 pound ripe tomatoes  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed  
4 ounces feta, crumbled (about ¾ cup)  
½ cup Kalamata olives, pitted and



halved

**1. In a large bowl**, stir together the yogurt and garlic; season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer ½ cup of the yogurt to a medium bowl and reserve for Step 5.

**2. Coat the chicken:** To the large bowl, add the oregano and stir to combine. Season the chicken all over with 1½ teaspoons salt and

a few grinds of pepper. Add the chicken to the large bowl and turn to coat; set aside.

**3. Start the salad:** Smash the cucumbers with the side of your knife until craggy and split. Rip into ½- to 1-inch pieces and transfer to a colander placed in the sink. Slice or chop the tomatoes into bite-size pieces. Add to the cucumbers along

with 1½ teaspoons salt. (It may seem like a lot of salt, but most will drain away.) Toss to combine and leave to drain.

**4. In a large nonstick** or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet, heat olive oil over medium. Scrape excess marinade off chicken, then cook the chicken in batches, adding oil to the pan if necessary, until it's well browned and releases from the pan, 5 to 7 minutes. Flip and cook until cooked through, another 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to plates to rest. (For grilling info, see note.)

**5. To the medium bowl** of yogurt, add feta and mash with a fork until a chunky paste forms. Shake the cucumbers and tomatoes to get rid of any excess moisture. Add to the feta yogurt along with the olives and stir until coated. The balance is dependent on your produce and feta, so season to taste with salt and pepper until flavors are vivid. Eat alongside the chicken.

**Note:** To grill chicken, heat a grill to medium and clean and grease grates. Grill chicken over direct heat until it's well browned and releases from the grates, 5 to 7 minutes. Flip and cook until cooked through, another 5 to 7 minutes. (For a gas grill, close the lid between flips.)

## GRILLED TURKEY BURGERS

Grated onion and barbecue sauce give the patties savoriness and provide additional moisture so they don't dry out from the high heat of the grill. Coating the patties in a mixture of barbecue sauce and mayonnaise guarantees a seared and glazed exterior. If you'd like to turn these into cheeseburgers, simply drap sliced cheese — preferably Cheddar or pepper Jack — over the patties in the last 2 minutes of grilling and cover the grill.

**Makes:** 4 servings

**Total time:** 40 minutes

Neutral oil (such as canola), for greasing  
1 medium yellow onion, peeled  
1 pound ground turkey  
¼ cup store-bought or homemade barbecue sauce  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)  
Black pepper

4 hamburger buns  
Toppings (such as shredded iceberg, sliced onion, tomato and pickles) and condiments (mayonnaise, barbecue sauce or mustard), as desired

**1. Heat** grill to medium-high. Lightly grease a plate and set aside. Coarsely grate ¼ cup onion; reserve remaining onion. In a medium bowl, mix turkey, grated onion and 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce. Form 4 patties about 4 ½ inches wide (about 5 ounces each). Press a small dimple in center of each patty, then place burgers on the plate and refrigerate until firm (at least 5 minutes or, covered, up to 2 days).

**2. Meanwhile**, in a small bowl, stir together the remaining 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce with the mayonnaise; season with 1 teaspoon each of salt and pepper.

**3. When ready to grill**, dip reserved onion in oil. Clean the grates with a grill brush, then grease the grates with the oiled onion. (This perfumes the grill and your patties.) Lightly coat the tops of the burgers with some of the mayo mixture (about ½ teaspoon per patty).

**4. Grill** the burgers, mayo-side down, until well-browned and patties release from the grates, 4 to 6 minutes. (If flare-ups occur, move to an area of the grill where there are no flames underneath. For a gas grill, close the lid between flips, listening and keeping an eye out for flare-ups.) Spread mayo mixture on the tops of the patties, then flip and grill on the second side until cooked through, another 4 to 6 minutes.

**5. Transfer** to a plate and let rest for at least 5 minutes. Grill the cut sides of the buns until toasted, 1 to 2 minutes. Build burgers on the buns with the patties and desired toppings and condiments.

## SKILLET TORTELLINI WITH CORN AND CRISPY ROSEMARY

You can have cheesy pasta, juicy corn, fried rosemary and loads of bacon in just 20 minutes. To incorporate a green vegetable, add one that can cook in 3 to 5 minutes

along with the pasta, such as halved snap peas, thinly sliced asparagus or broccolini, or spinach, or eat the pasta alongside a light salad of greens or crunchy vegetables.

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 20 minutes

4 thick bacon slices, cut crosswise into ½-inch-thick pieces

5 rosemary sprigs

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

16 to 20 ounces refrigerated cheese or cheese-and-spinach tortellini or tortelloni

Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)

Black pepper

Kernels from 4 ears of corn, cobs scraped of their milk and reserved (or use 4 cups frozen and thawed kernels)

**1. Place** bacon, 4 of the rosemary sprigs and 1 tablespoon butter in a large (at least 12-inch) nonstick or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet. Set over medium-high. When sizzling, cook, stirring often, until bacon is golden and the rosemary is crisp, 4 to 6 minutes. Turn off the heat and use a slotted spoon or fish spatula to transfer the bacon and rosemary to a paper towel-lined plate.

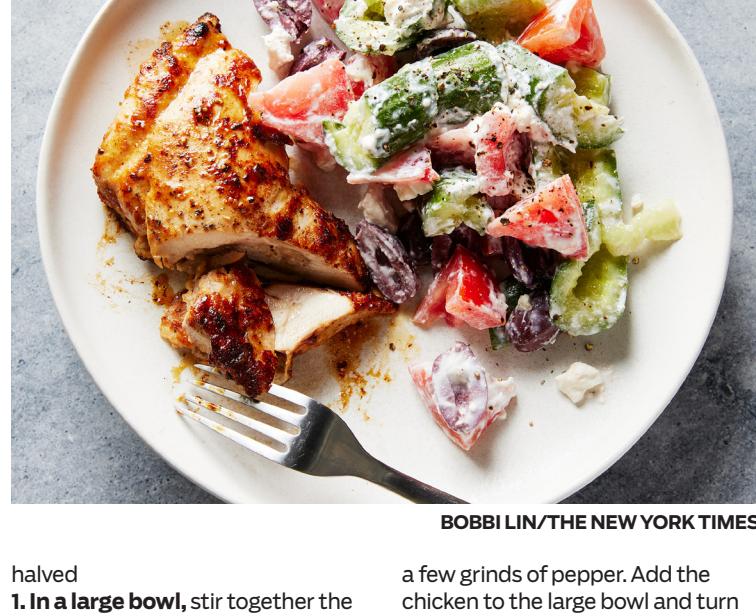
**2. Drain** all but about ¼ cup bacon fat from the skillet and add the tortellini, arranging it in a single layer. Set over medium heat and cook, without stirring, until browned underneath, 2 to 4 minutes. Add 1½ cups water, the remaining rosemary sprig, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper. Stir to combine, scraping up browned bits from the skillet. Cover with a lid or baking sheet and cook until the pasta is tender, 3 to 5 minutes.

**3. Add** the corn kernels, corn milk and remaining tablespoon of butter. Stir until the butter melts and glazes the pasta and the corn is warmed through, 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and season to taste with salt and pepper.

**4. Divide** pasta among 4 plates or bowls, then top with bacon.

Crumble fried rosemary needles over plates by rubbing them between fingers. Eat right away.



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**1. In a large bowl**, stir together the yogurt and garlic; season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer ½ cup of the yogurt to a medium bowl and reserve for Step 5.

**2. Coat the chicken:** To the large bowl, add the oregano and stir to combine. Season the chicken all over with 1½ teaspoons salt and

a few grinds of pepper. Add the chicken to the large bowl and turn to coat; set aside.

**3. Start the salad:** Smash the cucumbers with the side of your knife until craggy and split. Rip into ½- to 1-inch pieces and transfer to a colander placed in the sink. Slice or chop the tomatoes into bite-size pieces. Add to the cucumbers along

with 1½ teaspoons salt. (It may seem like a lot of salt, but most will drain away.) Toss to combine and leave to drain.

**4. In a large nonstick** or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet, heat olive oil over medium. Scrape excess marinade off chicken, then cook the chicken in batches, adding oil to the pan if necessary, until it's well browned and releases from the pan, 5 to 7 minutes. Flip and cook until cooked through, another 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to plates to rest. (For grilling info, see note.)

**5. To the medium bowl** of yogurt, add feta and mash with a fork until a chunky paste forms. Shake the cucumbers and tomatoes to get rid of any excess moisture. Add to the feta yogurt along with the olives and stir until coated. The balance is dependent on your produce and feta, so season to taste with salt and pepper until flavors are vivid. Eat alongside the chicken.

**Note:** To grill chicken, heat a grill to medium and clean and grease grates. Grill chicken over direct heat until it's well browned and releases from the grates, 5 to 7 minutes. Flip and cook until cooked through, another 5 to 7 minutes. (For a gas grill, close the lid between flips.)